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TROUBLESOME SZECHUEN REGIMENT.

UNIT DISARMED.

An exciting story is to hand from Canton showing how a regiment of Szechuen troops which had been stationed at Kau Kong, and had given much trouble by indulging in gambling and thus attracting bad characters to the district, was enticed to Shek Wai Tong and thus was placed at the mercy of another regiment, which fired on the transports and compelled the Szechuen troops to surrender.

To fully appreciate the story, it is necessary to recall the fact that last summer the important market centre of Kau Kong was raided by bandits and sacked by troops. After a lengthy investigation, a report was made which lay great stress on the point that the cause of the trouble for the last three years in Kau Kong and vicinity was free and unrestricted gambling, which led to bandits congregating in the district. On the basis of the report, the people of Kau Kong petitioned the Canton Government to abolish legalised gambling and the approval of the Government to this request is on record. About a month ago, however, the 26th Regiment of the 3rd Army Corps was transferred to Kau Kong, and soon afterwards a vacant house, formerly a large rice shop, was taken possession of by the military authorities and turned into a Military Club in name, but it became in reality a rendezvous for gamblers, attracting many bandits and rowdy elements from the surrounding villages.

The people have sent now an urgent petition to the Canton Government, requesting that the 26th Regiment be transferred to another place, so that the people may continue to enjoy the peace which they enjoyed after the abolition of gambling in the city. The Military Council, in a strict injunction to General Chu Pui-tek, has since ordered the transfer of the 26th Regiment at once, and if they refuse to carry out the order they are to be disarmed. The 26th Regiment is composed entirely of Szechuen troops, formerly under command of Hsing Kek-wu. General Chu realised that he had a very difficult order to carry out, and he therefore sent for the commander of the 25th Regiment, which is stationed at Fatshan, with secret orders to be at Shek Wai Tong with his regiment on a certain day. Then he telegraphed to Commander Shek Yan-pik, of the 26th Regiment, to come to Canton with his regiment without delay. On nearing Canton, the 26th Regiment was ordered to Shek Wai Tong, to wait further orders to be entrained for Fatshan. On that day the 25th Regiment were carrying out field manoeuvres, conducting a sham battle. A few officers and men went ashore to witness the battle, and as the troops manoeuvred close towards the bank where transports were alongside, at a certain signal armed launches came and surrounded the transports. The whole 25th Regiment then opened fire on the transports, demanding immediate surrender. After a short engagement the men threw up their arms as a signal of surrender. The officers were arrested and sent to the Garrison for court martial, while the disarmed men were sent to the training camp.

IS POLICE STATION HAUNTED?

INTERPRETER WHO SAW "GHOST."

BLACK-COATED VISITOR.

Is the Central Police Station haunted? In the view of some superstitious Chinese, it is, and if the alleged experience of an interpreter, followed by a report made the following morning, is to be accepted at its face value, we may soon see the police, doing a bit of ghost-stalking when they ought to be in bed!

The story goes that the interpreter, who was accosted by a supernatural visitor, hid himself to the telephone room to do some typewriting, and whilst he was engrossed in his thoughts, he suddenly became aware that he was not alone. Glancing over his shoulder he saw a tall, dark figure, swathed in a long black coat, gazing with deep interest at the typewriter. For a few tense seconds the interpreter stared at the unwelcome visitor, whereupon the "ghost" straightened itself up, and gliding across the floor, disappeared into the strong room. According to the interpreter, the "ghost" had no feet, and its legs appeared to have been cut off between the knees and the ankles.

The following morning, another man, residing with the interpreter, had a fright, for when he went to his room he saw a man under the bed, and reported the matter. There is possibly some connection between the two stories, but the interpreter is fully convinced that he has seen a "ghost."

CAFE INCIDENT.

ALLEGED ATTACK ON EUROPEAN.

Alleged to have attacked James Royston Stuart, a resident of Victoria Gardens, Kowloon, with a table knife at the Victoria Cafe, yesterday, a Chinese was charged before Major Willson at the Central Police Court this morning. When the complainant's name was called, it was found that he was absent, and Inspector Spear said he told him he should appear before the Court this morning. Continuing, the Inspector said the complainant and his wife went to the Cafe to have lunch, and complainant spoke to the defendant about dirty knives. It was alleged the defendant made an attempt to stab the complainant with a knife, and in the struggle that followed the latter received a cut on the thumb.

The case was put back for a short time, and when it was again called, and the complainant had not appeared, Inspector Spear said he had made a serious accusation against the defendant, and had insisted on him being charged. Under these circumstances he thought the complainant should be compelled to attend.

The Magistrate adjourned the case until to-morrow morning.

B. & S. BOATS.

TWO STILL ASHORE.

Little further news is available concerning the Butterfield and Swire vessels Hunan and Kwaiyang, as the salvage boats sent to the scene will not have arrived until some time this afternoon. It is not felt that the distressed steamers are in any serious danger of breaking, since a communication has been received from H.M.S. Magnolia to the effect that she intends to leave on the arrival of the S.S. Taming. Fair weather has so far been maintained.

GERMAN RETORT.

THE ITALIAN "INSULTS" RESENTED.

REICHSTAG SPEECH.

Berlin, Feb. 9. In the Reichstag, Herr Stresemann declared that the German Government declined to reply to Signor Mussolini's outburst in terms similar to his. Mussolini's speech was more suited to mass meetings than to international discussions. He proceeded to read a statement in which he emphasised that the German Government had no quarrel with Italy and he recalled Mussolini's assertions in 1920 on the absence of conflicting Italo-German economic and political interests.—*Reuter*.

LEAGUE INTERVENTION SOUGHT.

Paris, Feb. 9. A message from Innsbruck says that President Stumpf, in the Tyrolean diet, referring to a possible advance on the Italian front to the north, addressed on Signor Mussolini, and said he would ask the Australian Federal Government to see whether the question should not be submitted to the League of Nations.—*Reuter*.

FASCIST REGIME BLAMED.

The keynote of Herr Stresemann's speech, which was applauded by all parties, was the insistence on Germany's right to support the cultural claims of minorities abroad and her determination to support them before the League of Nations. Herr Stresemann reasserted Germany's intention of respecting Italian sovereignty in the South Tyrol, but added that there is such a thing as international morality. Despite numerous Italian decrees promising to respect the rights of the minority in South Tyrol, the Fascist regime have been steadily working towards its de-Germanisation. Herr Stresemann admitted that the newspapers had published false reports and that some private individuals in Munich had appealed for a boycott of Italian goods, but he was of opinion that it was absurd to threaten a breach of an international commercial agreement owing to an unimportant movement of private persons which the Government disowned.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

If Signor Mussolini thought the changed attitude of the German press was due to the Government's order, he forgot that it was impossible arbitrarily to restrict the freedom of the press in Berlin as it was in Rome.

The Reich did not intend to forbid the German press to express sympathy for the land of a people which had been German for centuries. If, owing to the oppression of the people, the danger of disturbance of peace arose, then an appeal would be made to the League of Nations.—(Ironic laughter from the Right). Signor Mussolini's speech was regarded throughout the world as a threat of war against Germany and Austria and such a threat was incompatible with the spirit of the League. Herr Stresemann reproved the Bavarian Premier, and reasserted that the Reich government was responsible for foreign policy. He concluded that while they wanted to live at peace with Italy he repudiated the threats levelled at Germany.—*Reuter*.

"INSULTING ATTACKS."

Berlin, Feb. 9. The Reichstag, except the Communists, acclaimed a resolution emphatically repelling the "unjustified and insulting" attacks by Signor Mussolini and declaring that Germany would not allow its right to demand just treatment to German minorities under foreign sovereignty to be restricted by "insulting outbursts and senseless threats, whatever may be their source."—*Reuter*.

WAR ON CHINA COAST PIRATES.

GOOD WORK BY CHINESE MARINES.

TWENTY EXECUTED.

According to the Foochow correspondent of the *Shanghai Times*, a rather determined effort is being made, after many months of terrorism, to rid the coast south of Foochow of pirates, particularly the coast of Hailang Island, and the Ngucheng Peninsula, near Futsing. One of the small coast cutters, belonging to the Marines, has done effective work in this region, ridding it of pirates. Twenty were recently beheaded in Futsing city.

Definite plans are being formulated in Foochow Headquarters, for the collection of the regular Government taxes for the seventeenth year of the Republic. There is renewed discussion and agitation concerning the building of the Horse Road from Pagoda Anchorage to Foochow City, and it is hoped that this may be accomplished from this new income.

There are strong indications that the Student Union is about to open another active campaign of blackmail against several foreign concerns who deal in salt fish. Although consular invoices guarantee that these fish are from America, the students still contend that they are Japanese goods, and therefore not allowed to enter the country. It is strange, however, that the Japanese importers are allowed to continue, their business unmolested. The American firms would be unmolested if they were willing to pay the "tax" imposed upon the fish by the Student Union, which, however, they refuse to do, on principle.

POLICE IN TROUBLE.

PRISON FOR DEMANDING BRIBE.

An elaborate scheme to extort \$10 from an opium smoker was recounted before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, when two Chinese water policemen were charged with this offence.

It was stated that while the business was being discussed in the smoker's house, the man's wife went out to look for the money, but instead, she brought back two detectives by whom the alleged blackmailers were arrested.

In evidence it was said that on the way to the station one of the defendants endeavoured to get rid of a receipt which he had prepared for the amount at the outset of their enterprise.

Convicted on charges of demanding a bribe and of misconducting themselves, the first defendant was sentenced to two months and the second to four months' hard labour.

U. S. COAL DISPUTE.

PRESIDENT DECLINES TO INTERFERE.

Washington, Feb. 9.

The Senate has requested President Coolidge to intervene in the anthracite coal-mining dispute, but the President, however, intimates that he sees no change in the situation warranting immediate intervention. It appears from the viewpoint of the Administration that it is necessary for the Senate to pass the coal resolution in order to dispose of one of the hindrances to consideration pending the tax bill. The Opposition has been falling up the coal resolution daily for a roll call.—*Reuter's American Service*.

LOST IN JUNGLE.

EUROPEAN PLANTERS' EXPERIENCE.

SO NEAR, YET SO FAR

Further details are to hand regarding the two European rubber planters, Messrs. Schindler and Dymond, belonging to the Layang Estate, in South Johore, who recently lost themselves in the jungle.

They were missing for three days and three nights in the thick forests, and eventually found their way back after never having been more than nine miles from their bungalow. A huge search campaign was carried out by planters and gangs of coolies before the missing men turned up. Writing under date of January 30th, the *Telegraph* correspondent at Singapore gives the following story of the adventure and return of the missing men:

The recent experience of two English planters, who spent three days and three nights trying to get out of a jungle block ten miles by ten, illustrates the ease with which it is possible to lose oneself in the jungle. This particular area was searched by parties totalling forty European planters and six hundred picked coolies, in addition to sundry Chinese and Malay rafter cutters, and yet they saw nothing of the missing men. The Malay jungle—the tropical rain forest of the botanist—is the thickest forest to be found anywhere in the world except in the tropical belt of Africa and South America, and it is a perfect natural maze. The enormous height of the trees, and the impenetrable nature of the undergrowth, the impossibility of getting any bearings when the sun is obscured, all contribute to a total loss of any sense of direction. These planters, both of whom were new to this estate, entered a jungle path, and made short detours into the jungle as the path became rougher, until they suddenly found that the path had disappeared altogether, and they were hopelessly lost. Darkness came on, and there was nothing for it but to sit down and wait for the morning. They saw enough ghosts that night to last them a life-time, but otherwise were attacked by nothing larger than mosquitoes, of which there were myriads. They were not more than nine miles from their bungalow, but it was not until the fourth day that they got a sight of the sun, and learnt the proper direction to follow. They saw plenty of game tracks during their wanderings, but nothing more dangerous than a squirrel worried their path, so that the perils of the jungle, at least for Europeans, appear to have been over-rated. One thing that the affair brought to light was the remarkable esprit de corps of the planting community. Tapping was suspended on all estates for six miles down the railway line, and planters and coolies swarmed on board the mail train to muster at the estate where the missing men were employed. It was a very anxious time for everybody concerned, and the incident has certainly taken its place among local planting annals.

JUNK CAPSIZES.

FEARED LOSS OF FIVE LIVES.

The foki of a Swatow fishing junk reports to the police that while fishing off Swatow on January 19th, the junk capsized, and the six occupants, including himself, were thrown into the water. The junk was taken in tow by another fishing boat and brought to Hongkong. He has not seen his companions since the accident, and it is feared that they have all been drowned.

AMERICAN FLAG TORN TO PIECES.

HAINAN ANTI-CHRISTIAN MOVE.

HOSPITAL ENTERED.

The tearing up of an American flag and the smashing of furniture in the hospital are features of an anti-Christian outbreak reported from Kachek, on Hainan island.

It appears that for some time past students and soldiers have been taking part in big anti-Christian demonstrations on the island, entering chapels, destroying Christian literature and even breaking up church furniture to use as firewood.

On Sunday, January 30th, a big crowd of students, troops and rowdies, said to number fully 500, held a mass meeting near the American Presbyterian Mission station, and later they made an attack on the compound, tearing down the gate and threatening Chinese evangelists, one of whom is said to have been wounded. They then proceeded to the mission hospital, and, seeing the American flag, they pulled it down and tore it into shreds. The Chinese assistants were beaten and ordered to stop work, whilst later the church was broken into and occupied.

The work of the hospital is now being pluckily carried on by Miss Caroline McCreery, an American nurse, who is left with practically no assistants, as the staff has been threatened with violent action if it continues at the hospital.

INDIAN OPIUM.

GOVERNMENT TO EXTINGUISH EXPORTS.

Delhi, Feb. 9.

The Viceroy, Earl Reading, in a speech when opening the Council of State, referred to the opium policy and said that, after most careful examination of the obligations under Article Nine of the protocol to the Convention of the second Opium Conference, the Government had decided to reduce progressively the exports of opium with the object of extinguishing them altogether within a definite period, except as regards medical requirements. The period was not yet determined owing to the necessity of consulting the Government of the United Provinces regarding the effects that the resulting reduction of the area cultivated would have on the cultivators. It was also proposed to discontinue the system of auctions of opium immediately an agreement was reached with French Indo-China with regard to direct sales.

Both Chambers of the Legislature will have an early opportunity of expressing their views on the proposals.—*Reuter*.

LIBERAL LOSS.

MR. FISHER MAY RETIRE.

Rugby, Feb. 9.

The Liberal Party will lose one of its foremost men if Mr. H. A. L. Fisher retires from the House of Commons, as it is stated that he will immediately. Mr. Fisher was President of the Board of Education from 1916 to 1922 and he stood for a progressive education policy as being of prime importance to the national welfare. Last year, he was appointed Warden of New College Oxford and his withdrawal from politics is understood to be due to a desire to devote more time to his duties.—*British Wireless*.

WORLD TOUR.

"EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND" ARRIVES.

NOTABLE TOURISTS.

Gliding slowly through the fog which enveloped Hongkong waters, with a little more than half of a thirty-thousand-mile cruise in her wake, the *Empress of Scotland*, flagship of the Canadian Pacific fleet, and the longest, tallest and widest vessel ever to have circumnavigated the globe, arrived in the Colony shortly after eight o'clock this morning and proceeded to her berth alongside the wharf at Kowloon.

She has over four hundred tourists on board, a large proportion of which are British, amongst the most distinguished visitors being Sir Arthur Mayo Robinson, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., famous British surgeon His Honour Judge Hynes, K.C., the Hon. Mr. R. C. S. Peters, Mr. C. C. H. Bailey, C.B.E., J.P., Mr. W. R. B. Baker, C.V.O., Major F. J. Ney, M.C., Dr. W. Turner, M.V.O., Lieut. Col. E. M. Renouf, Mrs. Edith Outram Renouf, descendant of the late Gen. Sir James Renouf of Lucknow fame, Mr. Reuben Brooks, aged 83, the eldest passenger on board and president of the Russian Cement Co., Gloucester, Mass., Mr. Robert Dunlop, Belfast, Mr. Joseph Jaeger, millionaire wool manufacturer, of Czechoslovakia, Mr. A. B. Maurice, former editor of the *Bookman*, Mr. G. S. Whiting, ex-Mayor of Northampton, and Mr. J. Ross, Canada's most prominent sportsman.

The tourists will have four days in which to investigate the beauties to be found within the Colony's bounds, and those who feel so inclined will have a rare opportunity of getting first hand knowledge of a Chinese New Year Bazaar. The bazaar in the Paddy's Market district, with its stalls replete with everything and anything from coat-hangers, peacock feathers to Boston garters, from wonderful chrysanthemums in bloom to orange trees in fruit, is now in full swing in spite of the difficulties created by the unfortunate political situation.

To-day's arrangements leave the tourists free for individual action during the day, a Chinese dinner which is optional is to be given at the Hongkong Hotel this evening, after which a dance is to be held at Repulse Bay Hotel.

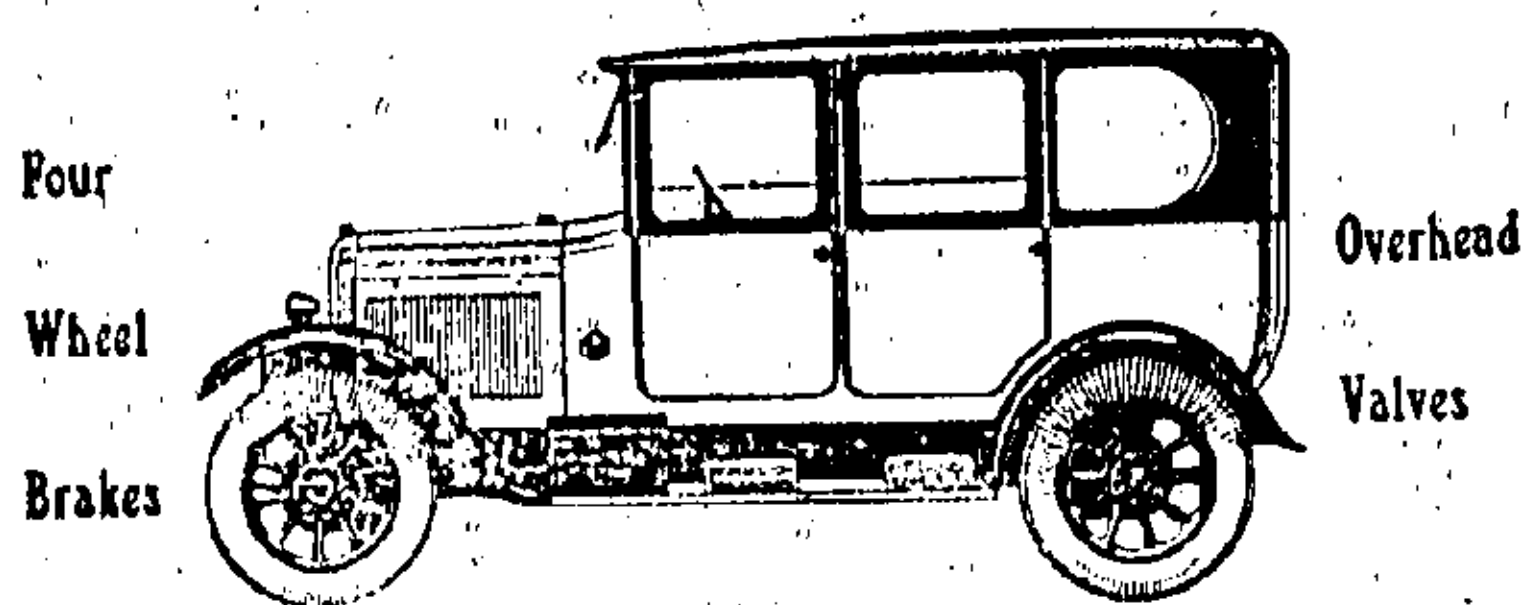
To-morrow the party will be split into groups. Group "A" will motor round the New Territories, and the "B" and "C" groups will make a visit to the Peak. On Friday Group "B" will explore the mainland, Group "C" will go round the island by car and group "A" will do the Peak. On Saturday each party will cover the ground not previously covered in different directions. A visit to Canton had been planned but this has been unavoidably erased from the itinerary.

Mr. P. D. Sutherland, for 18 years a representative of the Canadian Pacific in high official positions in the Orient, chiefly in Hongkong, is the director-in-charge.

Of the passengers the eldest is 83 years old the youngest 9. The average age is 43.17 years, and 57% of them are of the feminine gender. They were particularly impressed with their sojourn in India at the season in which they were there. Those who made the trip across the Indian peninsula, even penetrating as far south as Madras and Madurai in the Deccan, dwell upon its barbaric gorgeousness, its wondrous architecture and its unfathomable mysteries. They happened to be in Benares during the eclipse of the sun on January 14th when more than a million and a quarter of Hindus assembled on the banks of the sacred Ganges to immerse themselves in the holy waters and thereby appease the Deities.

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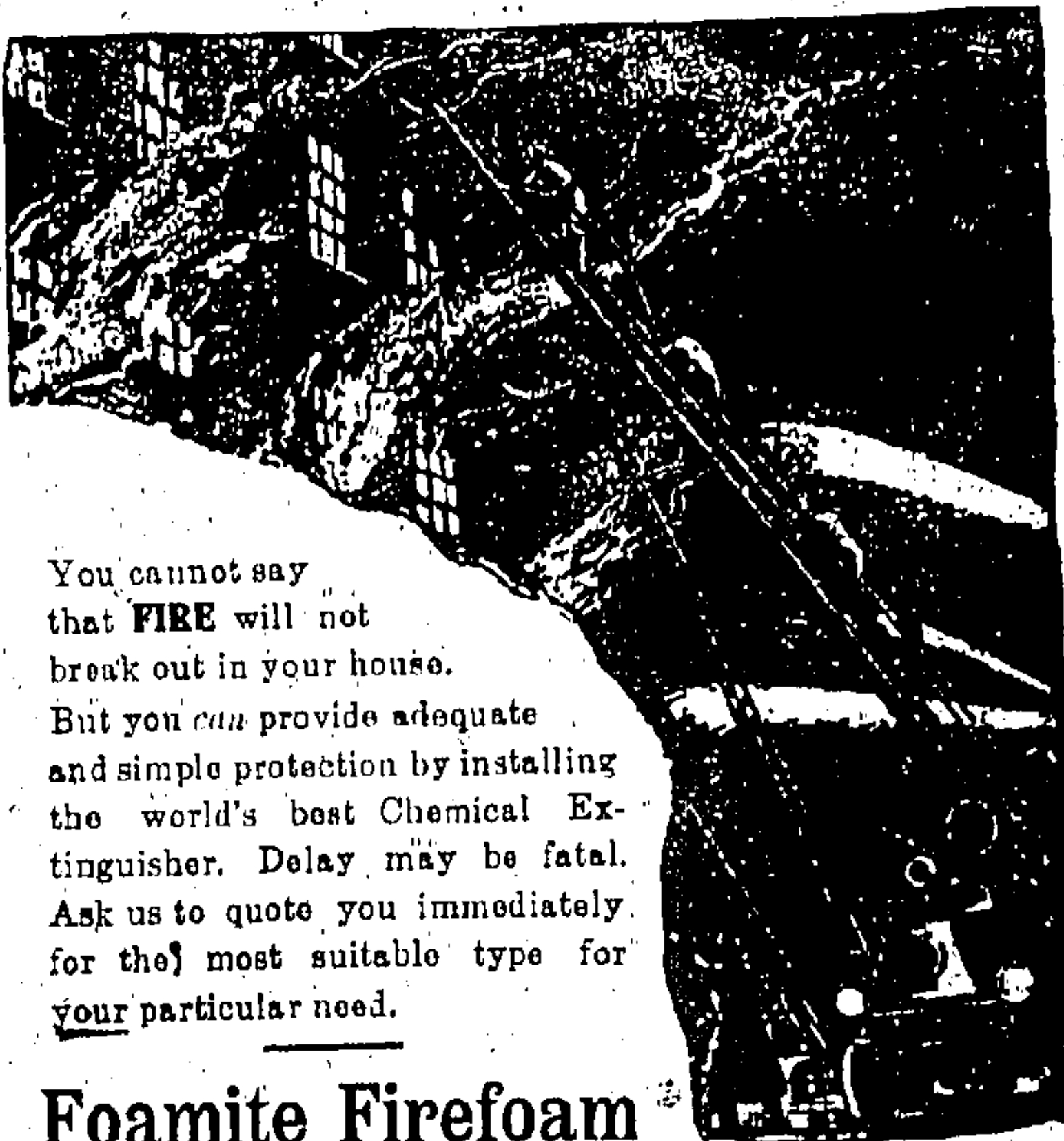
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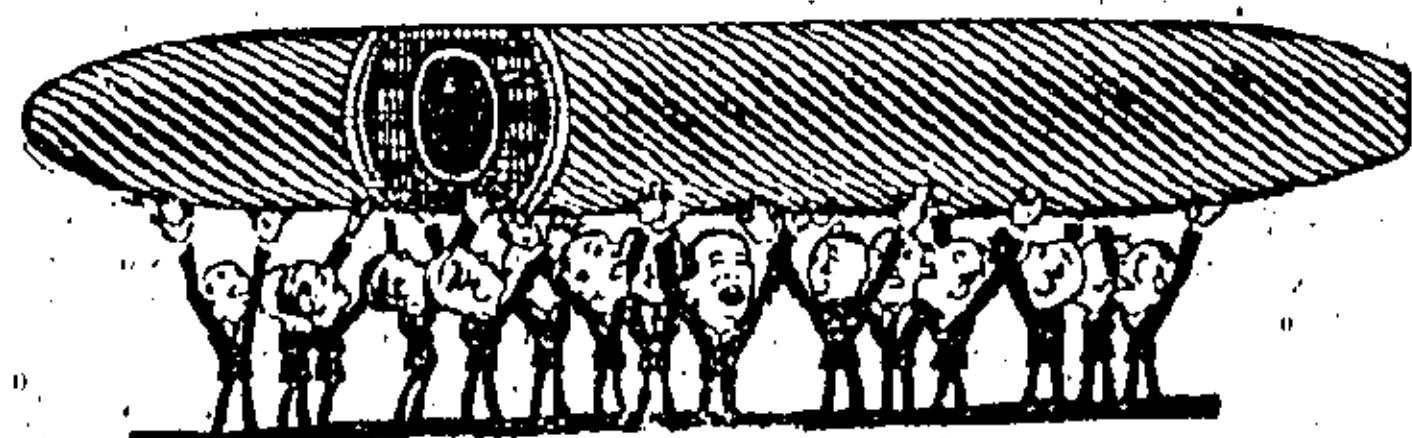
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THEOSOPHY

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will be the subject of this week's public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday February 11th, at 6 p.m. Lecturer Mr. M. Manuk. The Meeting is open to the Public.

THE KOWLOON RIOT.

POLICE OFFICER DESCRIBES OCCURRENCE.

Detectives' Consideration.
An impressive description of the attack made on the Police by a mob of coolies in Canton Road, on Sunday, January 31, was given by Sub-Inspector Andrew, in his evidence at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday, when two ricksha coolies were charged on two counts arising out of the incident.

The charges against them were that they did unlawfully assault, resist and wilfully obstruct the police in the execution of their duty and did unlawfully effect the release of prisoners.

Pleas of not guilty were entered for both defendants.
Sub-Inspector Andrew stated that at about 9 p.m. on January 31, he visited No. 118, Canton Road, in company with five Chinese detectives. The party proceeded to the premises in a taxi, armed with a warrant.

On alighting from the taxi witness noticed some 300 coolies gathered in the roadway. The police entered the house and found 40 men participating in gambling. Fifteen arrests were made but not without a struggle. Whilst endeavouring to secure the prisoners witness heard shouts from the coolies in the street. Drawing his revolver, he told one of the men who was able to understand the puny dialect that the raid did not concern the people in the street, but only the gamblers. This man appeared to be satisfied, but the first defendant, who was near them, waved his hands in the air and shouted *pak* (meaning "strike" in the Chiu Chow dialect). The crowd having been urged to attack the police, witness attempted to take his prisoners by the rear, but found that the door was locked. It was then decided to take the prisoners by the front entrance.

A Weihaiwei constable who was passing the scene was called to render assistance, and the prisoners, ten of whom were handcuffed in pairs the others being tied with a piece of rope, were then taken into the street, under the escort of the Chinese detectives. Directly the last man was out of the shop the first defendant again urged the crowd to attack the police and a general rush was made by the coolies. All but three of the prisoners were taken from the detectives by the crowd, who then threw missiles of all descriptions at the officers. The order was given to fire into the air, which, however, was not effective, and the police retreated, with the hostile mob pursuing.

The first defendant was arrested by the Shantung constable who, while on duty the next day in Canton Road, recognised him.

Struck On Head.
In his evidence the Weihaiwei constable said that during the riot the first defendant struck him on the head with a stool.

A Chinese constable stated that he saw the first defendant with two bottles in his hands.

Making a statement, the first accused denied all knowledge of the affair and said that he was attracted to the scene by the commotion.

In convicting the first defendant his Worship said that there was not the slightest doubt of his guilt and he was very fortunate he was not shot. The police showed the greatest restraint in not using their weapons, when in considerable danger.

In imposing sentence his Worship said: I can find no reason whatever for your action and it is a serious matter to assault the police in such manner. I sentence you to six months hard labour on

each charge. I am very much tempted to make them consecutive, but in a way the whole action was one offence. Therefore your sentences will run concurrently.

Addressing the second defendant, who was wounded during the affair, his Worship said that there was not the smallest doubt that he took part in the riot, but there was nobody among the police who could directly swear that he had anything to do with the occurrence. There was no doubt he was there, as he had been wounded by a ricocheted bullet. There was no evidence that he was guilty and he would be discharged. It was to be hoped that it would, however, be a lesson to him not to take part in such demonstrations against the police in the course of their duty.

BENAVON ARMS CASE.

ALL DEFENDANTS FOUND NOT GUILTY.

Ships' Firemen Discharged.

The case in which seven firemen were charged with being in possession of arms and ammunition, which were found in their quarters when the s.s. Benavon came into port was concluded at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday, the defendants being discharged.

All the defendants went into the box and denied that they knew the arms and ammunition were concealed in their belongings.

Mr. D. McCullum, addressing the Magistrate, Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major Willson, said that when the search officers approached the ship they saw a number of junks and other small craft going away from the Benavon. He pointed out that some of the firemen had packed their belongings preparatory to leaving the ship, and had left out clothing which was no longer of use to them. That accounted for the untidy appearance of the fore-castle.

He submitted that the man who had anything to do with the arms was probably the No. 1 fireman (who disappeared after the Benavon berthed). It might be that he was using the packages of other people to get the articles ashore.

Defendants' Conduct.
Looking at the conduct of the defendants they found that they went ashore to a boarding house. It was no doubt common knowledge among seafaring men early in the day that arms had been found on the ship, and the men would no doubt hear of it.

Yet they stayed at the lodging house and when the police visited it, they came forward without hesitation.

Mr. McCullum said that two or three men were only charged because they identified their own luggage. By their own simplicity, arising out of their innocence, they had implicated themselves. He suggested that they could not possibly be convicted on their conduct alone.

Flimsy Evidence.
Mr. Leo D'Almada, who appeared for one of the defendants, said that he thought the magistrates should be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the men had full knowledge that the arms and ammunition were in their bags at the time they left the ship.

A man would be a glaring lunatic if he identified a bag as his own property knowing that it contained either revolvers or ammunition. He submitted that the evidence was so flimsy that the Magistrate must have a great doubt, and that as defendants were entitled to the benefit of the doubt, they should be given it.

Mr. Lindsell said there was a considerable measure of doubt in the case. The search was not well carried out, and the defendants would be discharged.

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CAIRO TO CAPE.

R. A. F. PLAN A LONG FLIGHT.

To Serve as Tests.

Rugby, Feb. 9.

A Royal Air Force flight from Cairo to Cape Town, with four machines, is due to leave Heliopolis aerodrome on March 1st, and both the personnel and aircraft are now in Egypt.

The flight is purely a service operation, designed to test the general organisation. It does not aim at spectacular results, but the value of this flight of British aircraft, flying over and landing in a long chain of British-controlled territory which extends from north to south, cannot be overestimated.

The schedule of the trip provides for stays of two to three days at almost every place of importance.

The machines chosen for the flight are Fairey Third D aeroplanes, fitted with land undercarriages and Napier Lion 450 horse-power engines. The total mileage of the flight is 5,206, and the principal points en route are Assuan, Khartum, Malakal and Mongalla in Sudan; Kisumu and Mwanza on the verge of Lake Victoria, Tabora in Tanganyika, Abercorn, Broken Hill, Livingstone, and Bulawayo in Rhodesia, Victoria and Johannesburg in the Transvaal, Bloemfontein in Orange Free State, and Cape Town.

By arrangement with the Belgian authorities, the machines will fly over a portion of the Belgian Congo in order to avoid a detour which would be necessary to remain in British territory. A period of six weeks has been allowed for the journey, in view of the many long stops.

The route is mainly that followed by Alan Cobham, who is now delayed in Johannesburg owing to the illness of his mechanic.—*British Wireless.*

FLOODS IN ENGLAND.

RESULTS OF TWO WEEKS OF RAIN.

Rugby, Feb. 9.

Wet weather which has persisted for the past fortnight has resulted in considerable flooding of the English rivers.

Most serious results have occurred in the Midlands, and at Northampton where the streets are flooded owing to the river Nen bursting its banks.

The valley of the Trent is also inundated and although the authorities have taken every precaution to deal with the rising waters of the Thames, it is expected that the results of the week-end rains will be felt today.—*British Wireless.*

PEKING'S UNPAID.

DEMONSTRATION AT CABINET OFFICES.

Peking, Feb. 9.

More than a thousand Yamen officials besieged the Cabinet office this morning, demanding back pay; consequently the Cabinet Ministers failed to show up for today's regular Cabinet meeting, which either will be postponed or held secretly at the Premier's residence.—*Reuter.*

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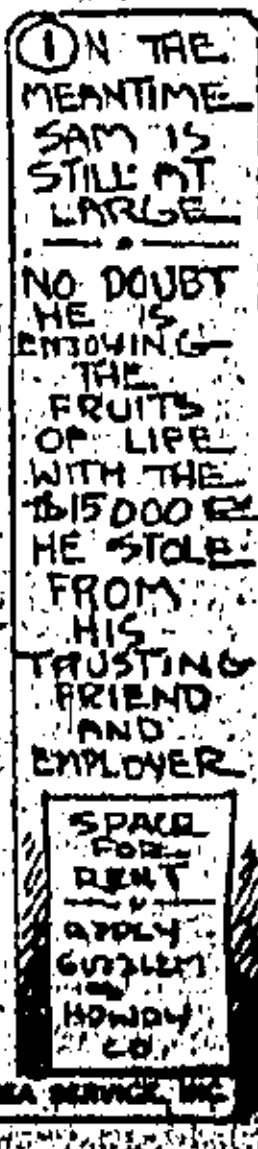
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A Meet of the Belvoir.



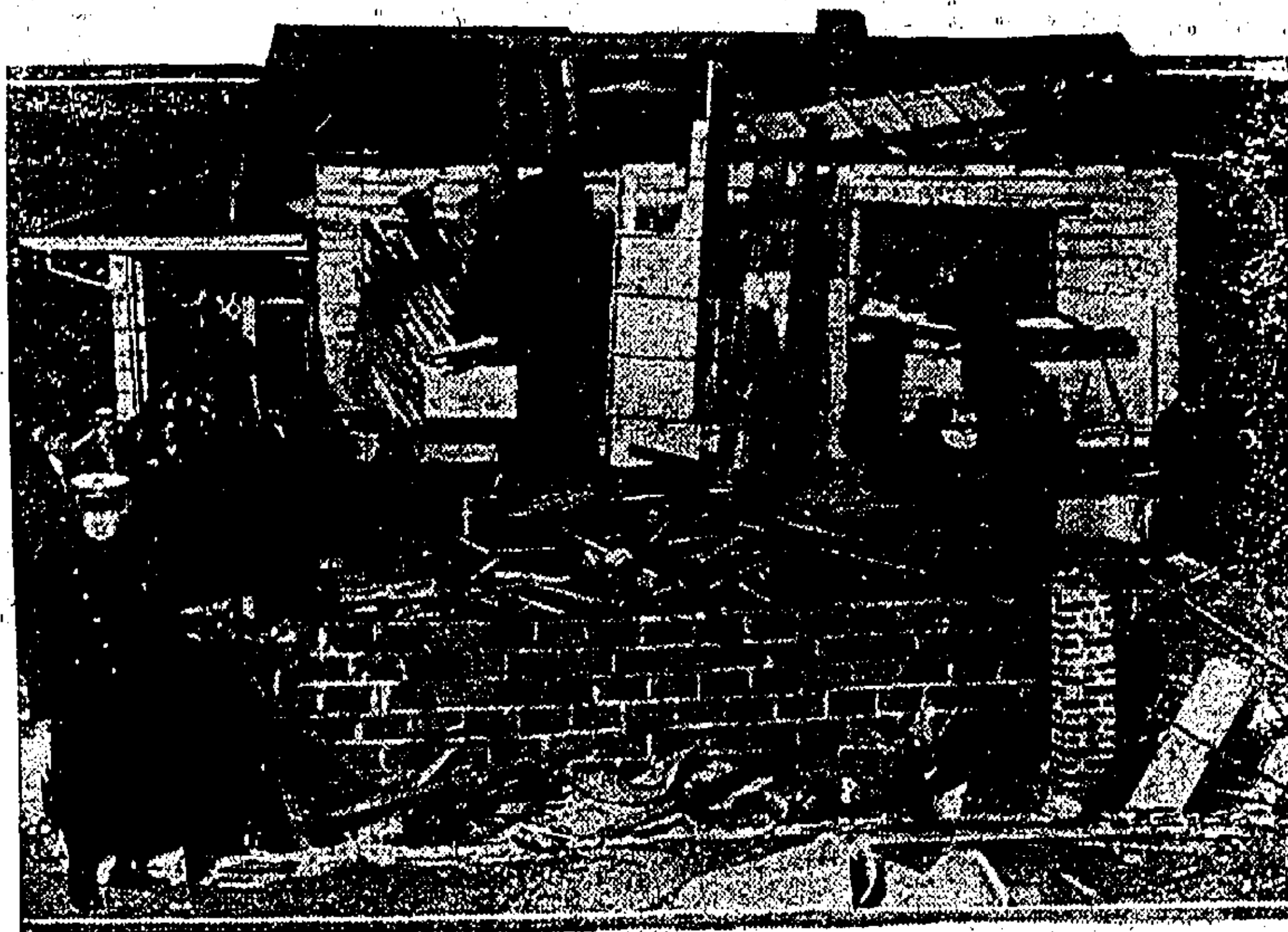
Hunt Officials photographed on the Roman road on the way to the meet at Three Queens, Kenton, Lincolnshire. (Times copyright).

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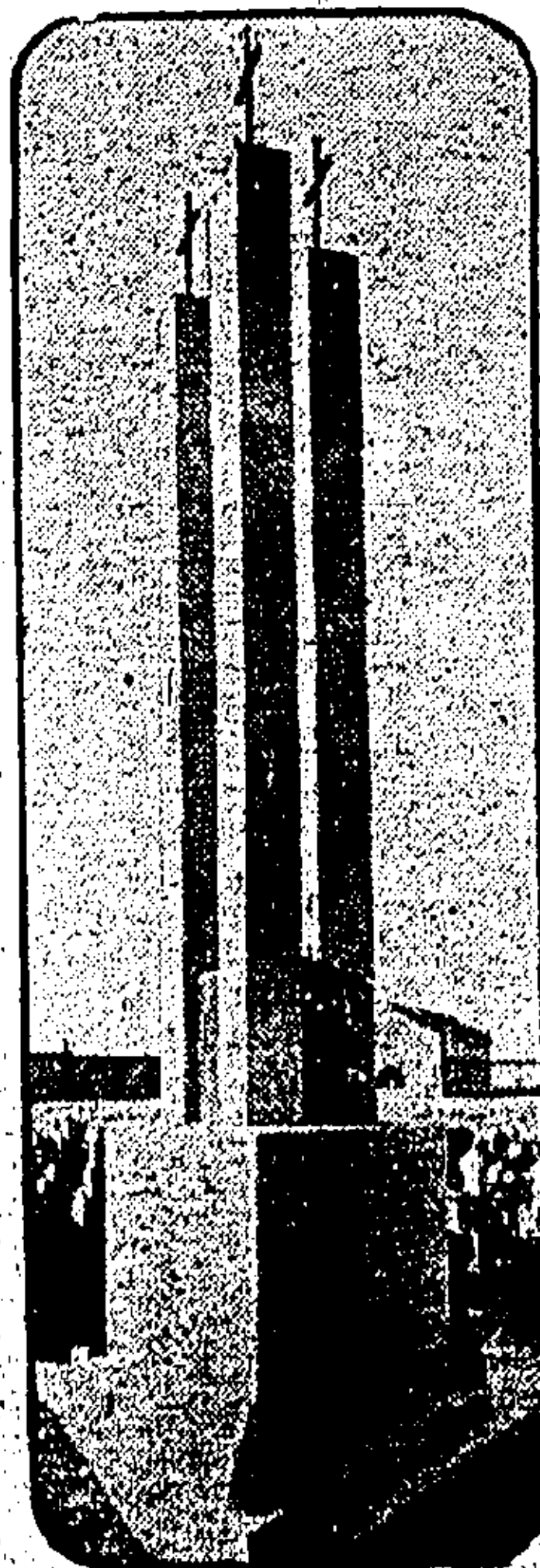
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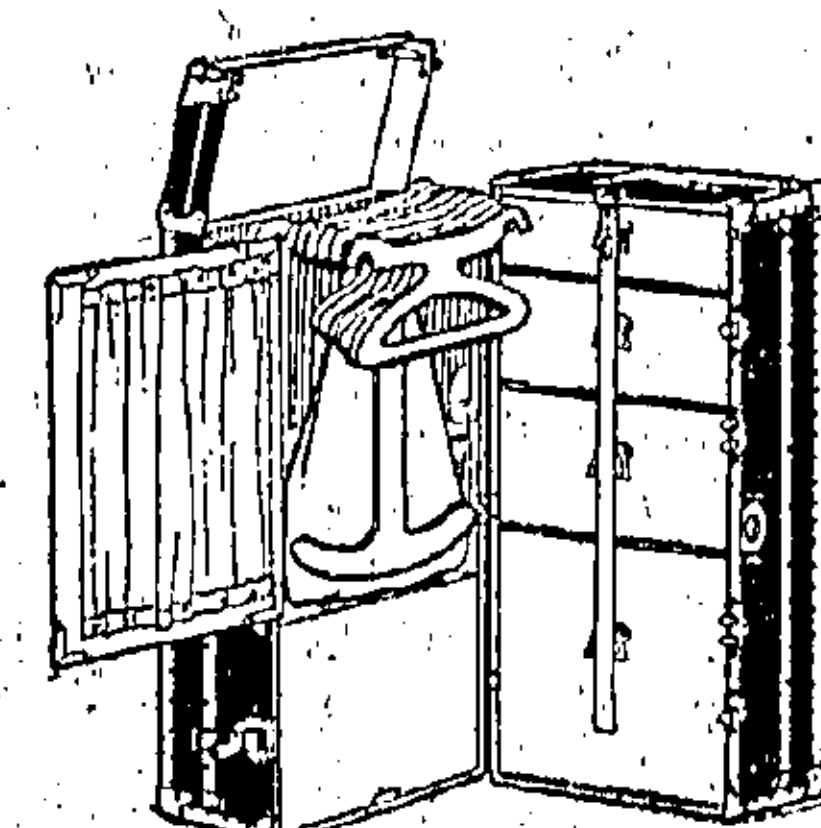
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of MEMBERS of Hongkong Tramways Limited will be closed from Friday, February 12th to Thursday, February 25th, 1926, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd Feb. 1926.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918), Ltd., beg to notify their Consumers that owing to alterations in the Generating Station, the supply of electricity will not be available between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 13th February.

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Hongkong, February 10, 1926.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 1926 at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY to TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 1926, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1926.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall Hongkong, on Saturday the 27th February 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 15th February to Saturday the 27th February 1926 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW
Chief Manager.
Hongkong 8th February 1926.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

CHINA NEW YEAR MEETING.
Monday, February 15th, 1926.

First bell (Saddling bell) 2.40 p.m.

Second bell 2.55 p.m.

Entrance to Subscriber's Enclosure \$2.00.

Motor cars can park in the enclosure at \$5.00 per car. Cars arriving after 2.45 p.m. will not be admitted to Enclosure until after the First Race. The Masters of the Hunt request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Races. Special Express train to the Races leaves Kowloon at 1.15 p.m.
First class (return fare) \$1.50
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HAROLD T. CREASY.
Water Authority.
Public Works Department.
Hongkong, February 9, 1926.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Saturday and Monday, the 13th and 15th instant. Hongkong, February 10, 1926.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

All Communications should be addressed to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, the Treasurers, during the temporary absence of the undersigned.

P. M. HODGSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, Feb. 6, 1926.

NOTICE.

We beg to notify our customers that our store will be closed for business on the 13th, 14th and 15th inst. for the Chinese New Year Holiday.

Customers are requested to place their orders covering the period in question.

TABAQUERIA FILIPINA,
Hongkong, February 10, 1926.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 10th February, to the 22nd February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1926.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, February 23rd, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, February 12th, 1926, to Tuesday, February 23rd, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1926.

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

FANLING HUNT RACES.

Monday, 15th February, 1926.

A special train will leave Kowloon at 1.15 p.m., arriving at Fanling at 1.50 p.m. Special tickets will be issued for this train at \$1.50 Return first class, and 90 cents Return second class. Booking at Kowloon Station only. No other tickets will be available. A limited number of tiffins will be served on the train. Tiffins must be booked (Telephone K.261) before mid-day on Friday, the 12th. Trains return from Fanling at 5.15, 6.10, and 6.20 p.m. The train scheduled to leave Kowloon at 5.29 p.m. is hereby cancelled. A train in substitution will leave for all stations at 4.07 p.m.

By Order,
H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.
Kowloon, February 9, 1926.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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Hongkong, 9th Feb., 1926.

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Goods not cleared by the 16th Feb. 1926, will be subject to rent.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

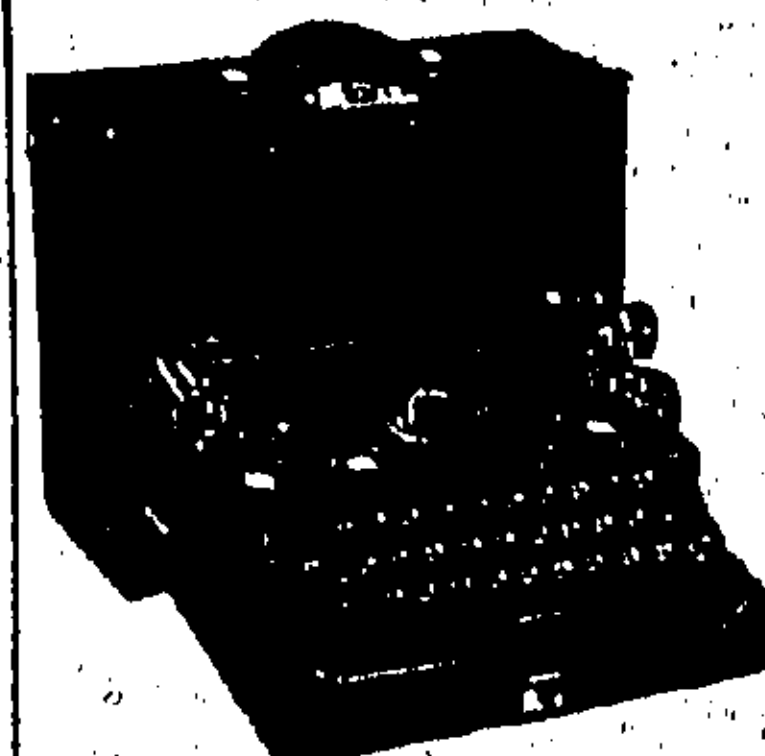
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COMPANY REPORTS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The 110th report of the Court of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, February 27, at noon, states:

The net profits for the year, including \$3,390,568.94, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, and contingencies, amount to \$15,846,978.01.

The Directors recommend the transfer of \$500,000 from the Profit and Loss Account to credit of the Silver Reserve, which will then stand at \$27,000,000.

"They also recommend writing off Banking Premises Account the sum of \$1,000,000.

After making these transfers, deducting the Interim Dividend of £3 per share, paid on 10th August last viz—\$430,000 @ 2/3% = \$4,132,735.43, and remuneration to Directors, there remains for appropriation \$10,164,242.58, out of which the Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of three pounds Sterling per share, viz., \$480,000, and a bonus of two pounds Sterling per share, viz., \$320,000, amounting in all to \$800,000 which, at 2/4%, the rate of the day, will absorb \$6,766,519.82.

The balance, \$3,397,722.76 to be carried to new profit and Loss Account.

The Sterling equivalents of the Assets and Liabilities are shown at 2/3%, the rate ruling on the last day of the year.

Branches and Agencies.—Vladivostok Agency was closed on 30th September, 1925.

Directors.—Mr. D. G. M. Bernard has been elected Chairman for the year 1926, and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang Deputy Chairman.

Mr. B. D. F. Beith resigned his seat on leaving the Colony and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was invited to join the Board.

These appointments require confirmation at this meeting. The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. G. M. Young and Mr. T. G. Weall retire in rotation, but being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. John Fleming, C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

Humphreys Estate & Finance Co. Ltd.

The report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1925, for presentation to Shareholders at the annual ordinary general meeting of the Company to be held at Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong at 11 a.m., on Saturday, February 20, states:

The Net Profit for that period, after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and including \$3,879.91 brought forward from last account, amounts to \$248,729.14.

Which the Directors recommended should be appropriated as follows:

Pay a dividend of 80 cents per share \$120,000.00

Pay a Bonus of 20 cents per share 30,000.00

Carry forward to new Profit and Loss A/c 98,729.14

\$248,729.14

Directors.—During the year Mr. C. Gordon Mackie resigned on leaving the Colony, his place being taken by Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang.

In accordance with Clause 86 of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, the very Rev. Father Robert, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, and Mr. J. M. Alves retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, and

SANITARY BOARD.

DR. KOCH AND THE WATER SUPPLY.

Fighting the Mosquito.

Mr. N. L. Smith presided at a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon. Other members present were Dr. W. W. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Dr. V. Koch, Dr. J. C. Macgowan and Mr. D. Davies secretary. Dr. A. G. M. Severn was also present.

Letters relative to the appointment of Mr. Wong Kwong-tin to be a member of the Board for a further three years and relative to the appointment of Mr. D. Davies as secretary of the Board vice Mr. G. S. Kennedy Skipton were laid upon the table.

The Board secretary read a letter from the Shek O Development Company Ltd., in which the secretary, Mr. Paul Hodgson, stated he was requested by his directors to write expressing their appreciation of the assistance given by the Sanitary Board in the matter of eliminating mosquitoes at Shek O, a matter which had been attended by some success.

Dr. Koch gave notice to the chairman that at the next meeting of the Board he would move a resolution on the subject of the examination of the Colony's water supply.

U. S. BAKING TRUST.

OPPOSED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Unique Action.

Baltimore, Feb. 9. A petition in equity under the Anti-Trust Laws has been filed in the Court, requesting an injunction to prevent the Ward Food Products Corporation and others from forming "a huge combination in the baking industry."

Seven corporations, headed by the Ward Food Products Corporation, which was incorporated in Maryland last week and has an assessed capital of two billion dollars, are named in the suit.

The petitioners include Attorney General Sargent.

The action is unique, as seeking to prevent a combination in restraint of trade. The alleged plan was to bring substantially all the wholesale bakeries in the country under a single head, thus eliminating all competition.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

GERMANY APPLIES FOR ADMISSION.

Berlin, Feb. 9. A semi-official note with reference to Germany's application for admission to the League of Nations deprecates cherishing illusory hopes of what Germany can attain through membership, but declares that Germany can work within the League on international questions like the revision of impracticable treaties, whose maintenance endangers the peace of the world, and co-operate in universal disarmament.

Furthermore the League has taken over a number of special problems which are vitally important to Germany, like the administration of the Saar, security of Danzig, racial minorities, and colonial mandates, a share in which the German people justifiably claim.—*Reuter.*

Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis offer themselves for re-election.

EMPIRE RADIO.

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS SUGGESTED.

An Elaborate Link.

Rugby, Feb. 9. Professor Eccles, who is the leading authority on wireless, suggests in a letter to the *Times* to-day that a further step towards maintaining intercommunication within the Empire could be effected if smaller or isolated communities in the Empire were equipped with inexpensive short-wave stations which would enable them to communicate with each other and to reply to the Rugby station.

He points out that the wireless links provided by the completion of the high-power station at Rugby, by creation of British and Dominion beam stations, and by the re-organization of the Oxford, Cairo, and Northolt stations, provide, together with the elaborate net-work of cables, almost continuous telegraphic communication between the larger communities of the Empire.

The short-wave stations he suggests for smaller communities would, he estimates, cost less than £2,000 each to equip.—*British Wireless.*

BOYCOTT IN THE PHILIPPINES.

DIRECTED AGAINST AMERICAN RETAILERS.

The Veterans and Governor General Wood.

Manila, Feb. 9. A mild boycott of American retailers has been reported the last few days. Speaker Roxas, yesterday, urged his audience not to purchase goods from American dealers opposing independence. One American firm on the Escolta is planning a sign: "Money spent here is not used to oppose your aspirations. We are in business and not politics."

The Veterans of the Revolution have tabled a resolution censuring Governor General Wood, but refused to join the coalition of Nationalists and Democrats parties working for immediate independence, though they endorsed the latter in principle. This is taken to mean the Veterans will oppose the Legislature's non co-operation policy with Governor-General Wood.—*Reuter.*

INDIAN NAVY.

COMBATANT FORCE TO BE CREATED.

Delhi Feb. 9. Addressing the Council of State, the Viceroy announced the reconstruction of the Indian Marine, and the creation of a Royal Indian Navy, as a combatant force, flying the White Ensign, in which Indians would be commissioned.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH INDUSTRIES.

FAIR ORGANISATION COMPLETED.

Rugby, Feb. 9. The organisation of the British Industries Fair, both in London and Birmingham, is now practically complete.

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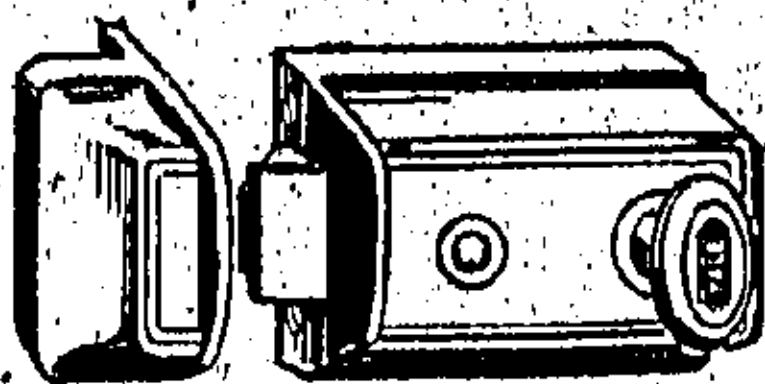
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Miss Anna T. M. Gomes, sisters, brothers-in-law and nephews sincerely thank their relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement, and also those who so kindly attended the funeral.

The Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 1926.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

If we are to judge from reports emanating both from Mukden and Moscow, although the recent Chinese Eastern Railway incident has been smoothed over, the somewhat strained relations between the Soviet and China are not as yet by any means finally composed. Indeed, the Soviet organ *Isvestia* plainly states that the Mukden Agreement must not be over-estimated, "as it is only a first step towards a liquidation of the conflict." Then it goes on to mention that questions have still to be discussed, such as compensation for damage and losses, the bringing to trial of the guilty persons and an assurance of the future safety of workmen and other employees on the railway. After this comes a reference to the Soviet being on guard to see that the conditions of the agreement are fulfilled and that there will be no recurrence of the recent trouble.

The whole tone of the Soviet comment on the matter is as if Russia had thrown down the gauntlet to China and made her obey the full behests of the Moscow Government, but a Mukden commentator asserts that of late the Soviet has toned down its attitude towards China to a very marked degree, realising that drastic action on its part would injure the attempts which are being made to convince the Chinese that Russia is their only friend and the only nation that is not inspired by motives of oppression in dealing with China. Even the *Isvestia* appears to have foreseen the danger of too much sabre-rattling, for it is at pains to assert that the watchful attitude on Russia's part contains no element of aggressiveness. In point of fact, the Soviet seems to be rather awkwardly placed in this matter. If it followed its inclinations, it would doubtless be quite as insistent as any of the so-called Imperialistic Powers in pressing China for the due

observance of signed agreements, but the possibility of estranging the more extreme elements amongst the Chinese is acting as a brake on its actions. No credit, of course, goes to Russia for this, because it is as clear as anything can be that at heart the Soviet is animated by motives of the utmost aggression in seeking to control the whole of the Chinese Eastern Railway system. China's rights in the matter are of very secondary interest to Moscow, despite all that may be said of the intense desire by Russia to maintain the most friendly relations with the Chinese people. We are convinced that time will prove who are the real friends of China, and that the day will come when the Chinese will see Russia in her true light.

Inept Civil Power.

In view of the recent news telling of a possible fresh alliance between Marshals Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-lin, it is easily conceivable that northern China will yet again be embroiled in costly civil strife before many more weeks are out. There is a constant changing and re-shuffling of forces, new alliances, and new antagonisms that spell disaster first for one district and then another. It is interesting to learn that the merchants and gentry of the five provinces of Kiangsu, Kiangsi, Anhui, Chekiang and Fukien, which at the moment are under the domination of Marshal Sun Chuan-feng, have recently issued a circular telegram to leading personages in other provinces, saying that as civil war has been the cause of all the people's suffering during the past 14 years and as the militarists get bolder and more wicked every day, they (the merchants) demand autonomy for their respective provinces in order to elect their own governors and administer their own provincial finances. Of course, such a course of action, were it possible, would be disastrous from the national standpoint, and, although the partial partition of China might come one day in the interest of efficient administration, provincial autonomy would have to be resisted by Peking. But it is eloquent of the ineffectual attempts at control made by the Central Government that the provinces owning allegiance to it threaten a formal break away because Peking has failed to exercise real governing powers. It is the ineptitude of the civil power in China that is directly responsible for so much of her troubles.

COMPANY REPORT.

EWO COTTON MILLS, LTD.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts are advised from Shanghai that the Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd., made a profit of Tls. 317,730 for the year ended 31st December, 1925, which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

	Tls.
To write off Plant & Machinery	189,588
To pay Dividend on Preference shares at rate of 8% per annum	72,000
To add to Special Repairs & Renewals Fund	40,000
To pay Bonus to Staff at Mills	15,000
To carry forward to New Account	1,142
	317,730

It is also proposed to pay a dividend of Tls. 0.25 per share, to be taken from Equalization of Dividends Fund.

ARMS SEIZURE.

IN THE AUSTRIAN TYROL.

Rome, Feb. 9. The newspapers publish accounts of the seizure in the Lavarone Plateau Tyrol, of some twenty tons of arms and ammunition, including a machine gun. The possessors of the arms are reported to have been frequently visited by emissaries from Munich. There have been similar seizures at two other centres. Five arrests have been made and more are expected.—*Reuter*.

DAY BY DAY.

EXAGGERATION WEAKENS EVERYTHING IT TOUCHES.—*La Harpe*.

The ss. *Talma*, which left Singapore yesterday morning, is due here on the 15th instant.

The weather forecast for tomorrow is:—Light N.E. winds, freshening; overcast and foggy at first, improving later and becoming cooler.

Lieut. V. W. Richards, 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, has returned to Hongkong, rejoining his unit after a course in the United Kingdom.

A Musicals will be held at the Holens May Institute on Thursday the 25th instant. Tickets will be 50 cents and tables must be booked before the 24th instant.—*Advt.*

A report has been made to the police that a thief yesterday entered the servants' quarters of Dr. Heanley's residence and stole clothing and money to the value of \$26.

In addition to the Interport football team and the Chinese football team, passengers who departed by the President Jackson yesterday included Mr. F. A. Perry, and Judge and Mrs. B. S. Grosceup.

It is advertised that to meet the needs of the Chinese New Year holidays a constant supply of water will be turned on in all Rider Main districts during Thursday and Friday, February 11 and 12.

Commander A. G. Peace, D.S.O., who has had two years in command of the sloop *Hollyhook*, in China, is being succeeded by Commander R. B. T. Miles, late of the Operations Division at the Admiralty.

A collision occurred between a motor cycle and a car, the latter belonging to the Hongkong Electric Co., at the junction of Stubbs Road, and Morrison Gap Road, yesterday. Both vehicles were damaged, but no-one was hurt.

A married woman committed suicide at the village of Kam Chin, in the Cheung Shui district, yesterday. It appears that her mother died on January 14th, and she had been sold by another woman to someone in Chinese territory. After her mother's death she became very depressed.

The Imperial Russian Light Opera Co. appeared in a variety programme at the Star Theatre last night. There was a large audience which thoroughly enjoyed the show. Encores were freely given. To-night the last show will be given, with the presentation of the light opera "Sylvia."

It is announced by the Tourist Department of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, that passengers to Europe may be booked from here to Europe by the world touring liner *Laconia*, sailing for Home via Manila, Batavia, Singapore, Rangoon, Calcutta, Bombay, Suez, Haifa, Jerusalem, Athens, Naples, Monaco and Cherbourg on March 23.

Nine cases of infectious disease were reported to the Medical Officer of Health last week, all Chinese—five of diphtheria and two each of enteric and small-pox (one imported). There were three deaths from small-pox, four from diphtheria and one from enteric fever. On Monday one case of small-pox (Canadian, imported) was notified.

The well-known photographers, Messrs. Moe Cheung, have just published an excellent album of views of Hongkong which is now on sale at their Ice House Street and Beaconsfield Arcade premises. There are some 40 photographs, with a well-written description to each, and a ready sale should be found among visitors and residents alike who wish to send a really good pictorial impression of Hongkong overseas to friends. The price is \$3.

SPANISH FLIGHT.

FRANCO REACHES MONTE VIDEO.

Monte Video, Feb. 9. The Spanish aviator, Franco, has arrived here from Rio de Janeiro.—*Reuter's American Service*.

FRENCH FINANCES.

M. BRIAND'S VIRTUAL ULTIMATUM.

Paris, Feb. 9.

A long drawn out financial debate in the Chamber has at length led M. Briand to endeavour to end a virtual deadlock by a sort of ultimatum to the Chamber.

The Premier has declared that 4½ milliards are required to balance the Budget and must be voted by the Chamber within six days, so that the Senate could start to debate the matter within a week, otherwise the situation would become grave and even alarming. The Government would throw its existence into the scales.

M. Briand's intervention was due to criticism of the Government for allegedly sitting on the fence and failing to give the Chamber a lead, as members of the Government abstained from voting on the Cartel's proposal compulsorily to convert Bearer Bonds to Registered Stock, which was carried by a substantial majority, despite Government opposition. It is officially explained that abstention was due to the Government's desire to compromise.—*Reuter*.

FLOWER SHOW.

CUP FOR AMATEURS.

An entirely new feature at the forthcoming Flower Show, to be held under the auspices of the Hongkong Horticultural Society on March 11th, will be the offering of a small cup by Mr. J. A. Plummer, to be known as the "Amateur Cup," for the best exhibit of pot plants entered in any of the Open or Peak classes by competitors who have not exhibited before or who have never won a prize at any Flower Show in Hongkong.

In offering this prize, Mr. Plummer wishes to encourage small gardeners, particularly those who tend to their own flowers or keep only one gardener. Special tickets will be issued on application to those wishing to compete for this cup, and it is hoped that this special prize will encourage the small and hitherto unsuccessful exhibitor to compete regularly at the annual shows. Information regarding this prize can be obtained from Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, the Hon. Secretary of the Horticultural Society.

PRINCE & EMPIRE.

DEEP INTEREST IN EMIGRATION.

Rugby, Feb. 9.

The Prince of Wales is taking a keen interest in emigration. Only recently at the Australia House, he made a speech in which he recorded the deep impression made upon him during his tours by the potentialities of the overseas Dominions and appealed for more settlers of all classes to develop these mighty estates of Empire. To-day, the Prince, accompanied by Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, Minister of Labour, made a personal inspection of the training centre at Claydon, near Ipswich, where young men are being given a course of instruction to equip them for life on the land in the Dominions. The Prince studies carefully every detail of work of this institution.—*British Wireless*.

EXCHANGE RATES.

To-day's exchange rates are as follows:

Paris	122 3/4
New York	48 3/4
Brussels	107
Geneva	25 25
Amsterdam	12 13
Milan	120 70
Berlin	20 43
Stockholm	18 18
Copenhagen	10 70
Oslo	23 95
Yokohama	1/10 3/16
Vienna	34 55
Prague	164 1/2
Hofburgers	103
Madrid	34 55
Lisbon	10 70
Rio	7 1/2
Buenos Aires	46 1/2
Bombay	1/6 3/16
Shanghai	2 3/4
Hongkong	2 1/4
Silver (spot)	30 15/16
Silver (forward)	30 1/2

British Wireless.

ENJOYABLE RECITAL.

AT THE CITY HALL.

There was quite a large attendance at the City Hall last evening, when a thoroughly enjoyable pianoforte and vocal recital was given. The programme was rich in musical merit, and the three contributors thereto excelled to a point of real excellence.

The major part of the programme was taken up by Mr. Harry Ore, whose skill as a pianist is too well known to need emphasis. Of the big list of numbers which he contributed, it would be difficult to say which was the best. He covered a wide range in his selections, and the "William Tell" number was especially well rendered. Beethoven's Variations in C Minor was also another skilfully-played item, whilst Mr. Ore's own Minuet was extremely dainty.

Mrs. Richard Sanger again made a most welcome appearance and sang with much artistry and understanding. Schumann's Dedication was her first song, and this was beautifully presented, whilst she was most deservedly encored for Dvorak's "As My Dear Old Mother." Her voice is of marked purity, and she is a real artist.

In two finely-rendered operatic numbers Mr. H. E. Gardner showed himself a fine tenor, with a big range and considerable power. He also was encored, both his contributions being much appreciated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Risk of Theft.

Sir,—Last Saturday morning two Chinese, who stated that they had been sent by the Telephone Company to test my telephone, visited my house, No. 367, The Peak.

As I hear from the Telephone Company that such visit was made without their instructions, it may be as well to warn householders against that class of visitors, who probably use their position or pretended position as employees of the Telephone or some other Company as a means of "spying out the land," with a possible view to theft.—Yours, etc.

H. E. POLLOCK.
Hongkong, Feb. 9th, 1926.

ANGRY CROWDS.

BELGIANS RESENT ARMY CUTS.

Brussels, Feb. 9.

Public disapproval of the far-reaching army cuts made by the Government which have led to the resignation of General Kestens, Minister for Defence, was illustrated to-day when, on the occasion of consigning 87 standards belonging to disbanded regiments to the Army Museum, dense crowds demonstrated. People threw flowers at the flags and shouted "Live the Army, down with the Government." The crowd broke through the police cordon and the Premier, Viscount Pouillet, was greeted with shouts of "Down with Pouillet" and he had difficulty in reaching the Museum, from which, after a speech in salutation to the flags, he had to escape by a backdoor to avoid a hostile demonstration. The crowd finally dispersed and proceeded to the grave of the "Unknown Soldier."—*Reuter*.

INDIAN NAVY.

RECONSTRUCTION DETAILS.

London, Feb. 9.

An India Office communique explains the reconstruction of the Indian Navy in the first stage of her naval development. Ultimately she will undertake her own naval defence in peace time, her functions to include, besides defence and survey work in the Indian Ocean, marine transport work for the Government of India. The fleet will preliminarily consist of four sloops, two patrol craft vessels, four trawlers, two survey ships and one depot ship. The inauguration of the new navy will be entrusted to the personnel of the existing service subject to any necessary re-adjustment of cadres.—*Reuter*.

WORLD TOUR.

(Continued from Page 1.)

man who dares devour their light-giving planet.

Since sailing eastward from New York on December 3rd the giant liner has previously called at Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Monaco, Naples, Haifa, Port Said, Suez, Bombay, Colombo, Padang, Batavia, Singapore, and Manila. Unusual features of the cruise were Christmas day in the Holy Land, New Year's eve in Cairo, and arrival in India early in January, the best month for visiting the tropics. Following stopovers in China and Japan, the Empress of Scotland will cross the Pacific to Hawaii and California, returning to New York through the Panama canal on April 10th.

A third of the cruise personnel are British, and the ship will continue across the Atlantic from New York to Southampton. They will have crossed the Atlantic three times ere they return home.

Unique in the cruising business, the Canadian Pacific is the only steamship company operating its own cruises. Those were initiated in 1924 when the Empress of Canada was sent around the world introducing the one-man management tour, both afloat and ashore. Last year the Empress of France made the same voyage.

The cruise marks what is probably the retiring trip of "Pa" Philp, the veteran ranking chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific Steamships fleet. His real name is A. E. Philp, O.B.E., and he was decorated for his services during the war in transporting 110,000 troops, whilst covering 174,000 miles of the Seven Seas, including Gallipoli. He has run ships by wind, coal and oil and he admits that an oilburner like the Empress of Scotland looks good to him. "No dust, no smoke, no dirt and no trouble" is what he says and one might well take the word of a veteran like him.

A man who shuts up like the proverbial oyster when you ask him about his Victoria Cross, with star, and his D.S.O. is Staff Captain R. N. Stuart, who, as commander of the mystery ship, Pargust, sank a submarine after his decoy ship had been torpedoed. In fact four submarines were destroyed when he was in charge of operations. Later he saved a U.S. destroyer after she had been torpedoed and he was awarded the U.S. Navy Cross.

Commanding the Empress of Scotland is Capt. R. G. Latta, until recently commander of the Mount Royal. The crew numbers 321, including forty-four officers.

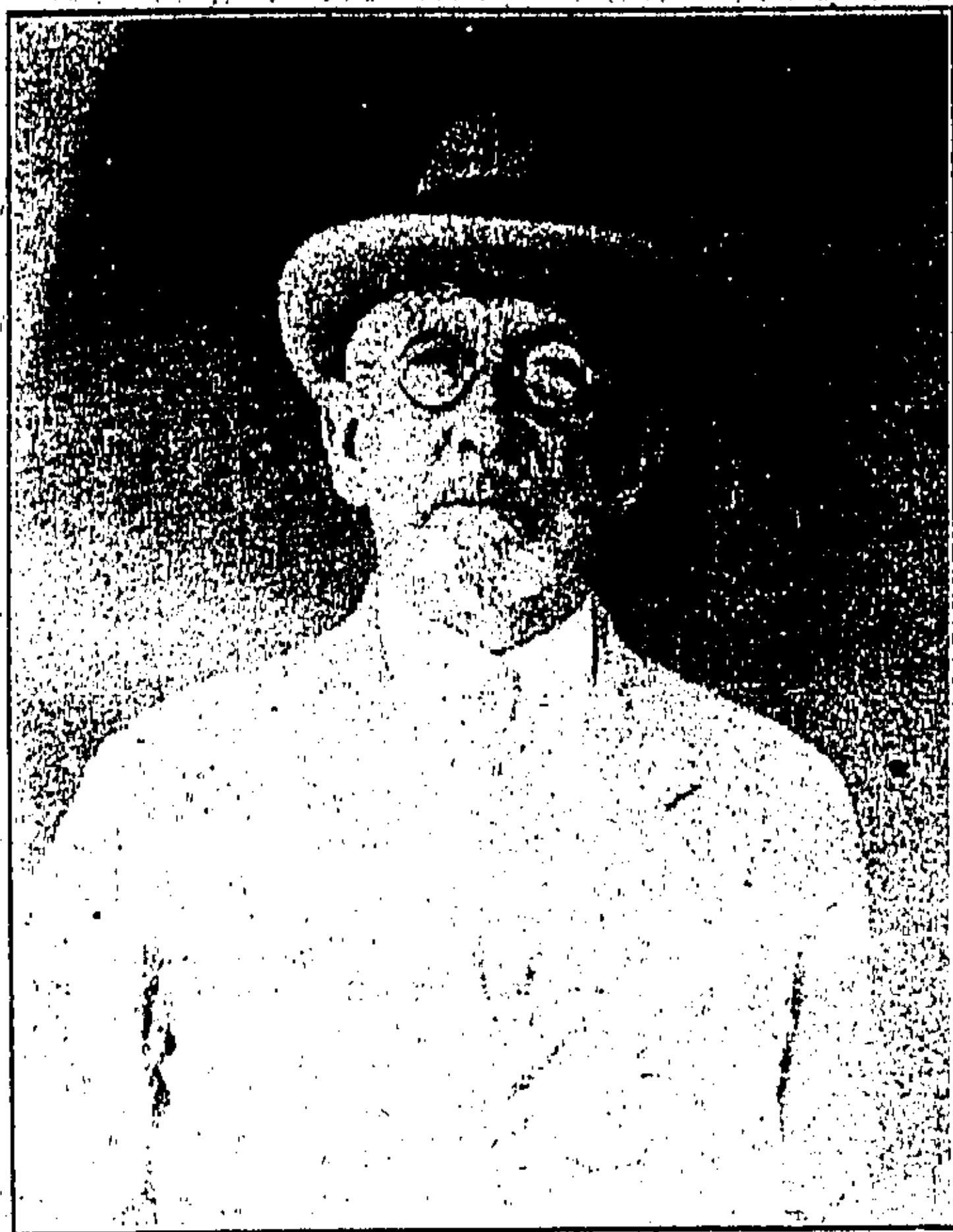
The following details of the Empress of Scotland will be of interest: 25,000 tons register, Quadruple Expansion Engines, 37,500 tons displacement, speed 18 knots. Length 699 feet, 8 decks for passengers. Breadth 77 feet, elevator. Oil fuel, gymnasium.

The passenger accommodation is distributed over eight decks, but only six decks will be used on the cruise and these are served by an elevator. Rooms with private bath and toilet are provided in abundance, and there are suites consisting of bedrooms, sitting room, private bath and toilet. All rooms have electric fans, and the ship is equipped with the most modern apparatus for forced ventilation. The air in the public rooms and staterooms is changed automatically every few minutes without creating a draught. The dining saloon, situated on Deck F, is a particularly large and delightful room, capable of accommodating 436 people at one sitting, the tables being arranged for small parties of from two to six people. This room is decorated in the Empire style in white and gold, the furniture being of mahogany upholstered in red morocco.

The gymnasium is equipped with the latest appliances for affording health-giving exercise, including electrical, horses, electrical camel, pulley, weight machines, bicycle machine, weight lifting apparatus, weighing machine, electric massage machine, ribball, wrist developing machines, chest developers, punching bag, rowing machine, boxing gloves, medicine balls, foil, sabres and spring bayonets.

The Empress of Scotland has every facility of the modern hotel: stenographer, baker, ladies' hairdresser, manicurist, masseur, masseuse, two surgeons, three professional nurses, laundry, valet service, photographer, novelty shop, daily newspaper, etc., and the ship is equipped with long range radio capable of maintaining communication with land at all times.

EMINENT BRITISH SURGEON.



Above is Sir Arthur William Mayo-Robson, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., the eminent British surgeon, who is amongst the tourists arriving here by the Empress of Scotland today. He is a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. Occupying a high position in the medical world, he has held numerous important appointments, amongst which may be mentioned Surgeon to the Leeds General Infirmary, Consulting Surgeon to the Batley and Keighley Hospital, to the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force, and of the Southern Command, and Inspector of Military Orthopaedic Hospitals. A Governor of the Imperial Service College at Windsor and a member of the Council of the British Science Guild, he has during the course of his lengthy career been President of the British Gynaecological Society, President of the Surgical Section of the International Medical Congress at Paris and the holder of many University lectureships. His publications are well-known throughout the medical world, and he ranks as one of the leading surgeons of the day.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

GERMANY'S APPLICATION.

Rugby, Feb. 9. It is anticipated that Germany's official request for admission to the League of Nations will reach Geneva tomorrow. A special meeting of the League Council is being summoned for Friday afternoon, at which the question of calling a special meeting of the Assembly will be considered. The British Government will be represented at Friday's meeting by Mr. R.A.G. Spelling, British Minister at Bern.—*British Wireless.*

STILL AGROUND.

ALTAI MARU SALVAGE PROGRESS.

The s.s. Altai Maru is still lying stranded in the Fo Tau Man Pass and is likely to remain so until the whole of her cargo and bunker coal has been removed.

Lighters have been busily engaged in the transfer for the past two days, and it is anticipated that she will be sufficiently lightened in time to catch tomorrow's high tide.

The vessel has been blocking the channel since Sunday afternoon.

SHIPPING NEWS.

VESSELS NEAR PORT.

At noon to-day the following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong:

President Pierce, President Polk, Milkesan Maru, Santhia, Nassa, Bengal Maru, President McKinley, Kashima Maru, President Jackson, Eumaeus, Fushimi Maru, Kiangchow, Chaksang, Shinyo Maru, Vancouver Maru, Tjisondari, Altai Maru, Bintang, Laisang, U.S.S. Ford.

GERMAN CAPTAIN.

HONoured BY THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Rugby, Feb. 9. The captain of the North German Lloyd liner Bremen has been awarded a piece of plate by the Board of Trade in recognition of the excellent services rendered in the rescue of six members of the crew of the British steamer Laristan, which was disabled and sank in North Atlantic.—*British Wireless.*

RESIGNING.



Professor H. A. L. Fisher, the former Minister of Education, whose early retirement from Parliament will be a big loss to the Liberal Party.

THE NEW "PROTECTION"

OVER THIRTY APPLICATIONS.

Rugby, Feb. 9. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, has stated in the House of Commons that the number of definite applications made under the Safeguarding of Industries procedure up to date was 34. Of these, 13 had been rejected for not disclosing a *prima facie* case. Committees had been appointed to consider 11 applications and reports had been received and published in respect of nine of these applications. Other applications were still under consideration or in abeyance.—*British Wireless.*

Rugby, Feb. 9. The unemployment statistics continue to support the views which have recently been expressed by leading men in finance and industry that British trade is on the mend.

The latest weekly return records a decrease of 25,800 in the number of those without work. In the past four weeks, the decrease has been 78,000. The total number of unemployed now stands at 1,175,000 which is 63,000 less than a year ago.—*British Wireless.*

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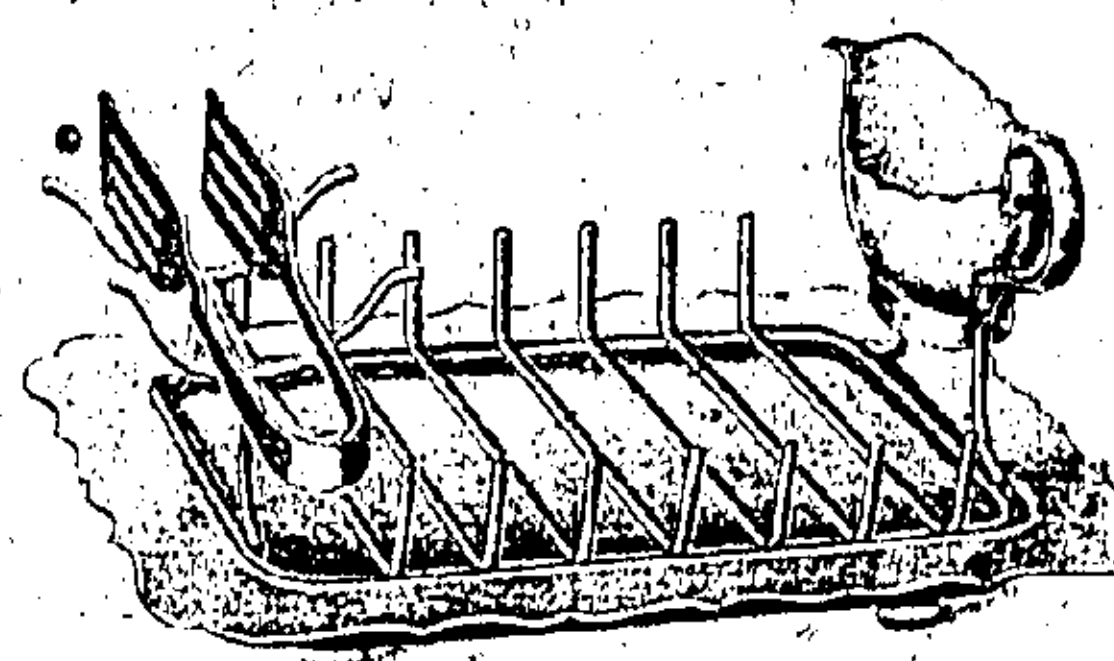
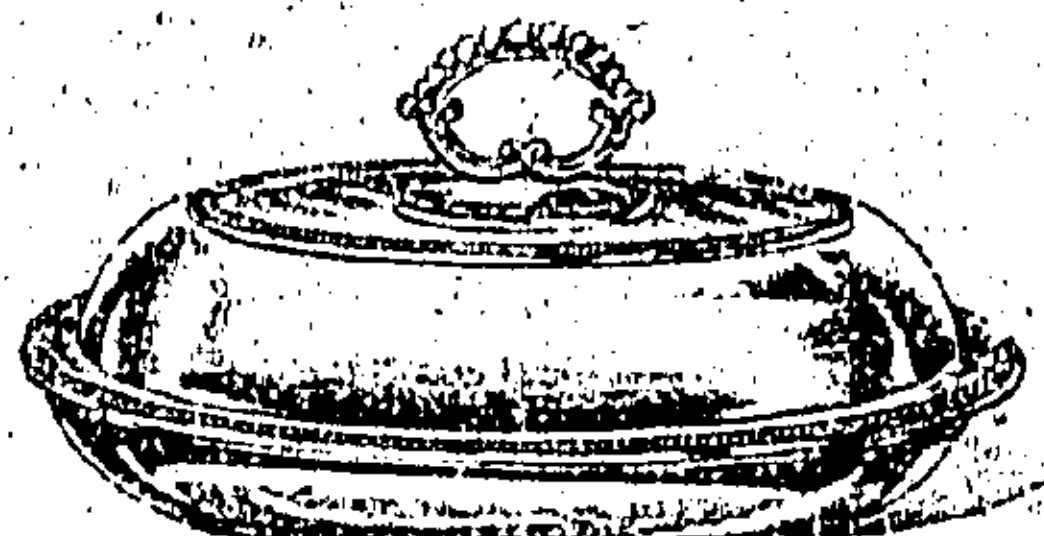
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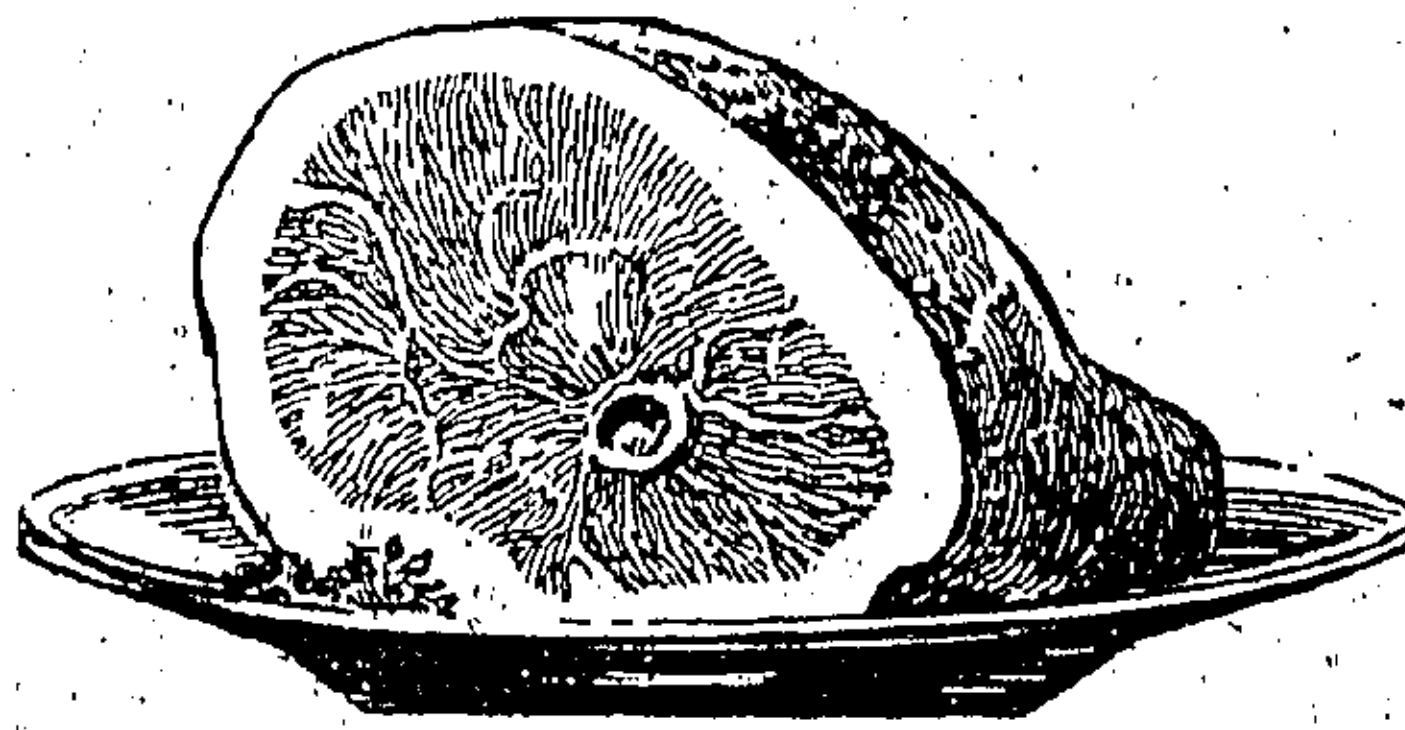
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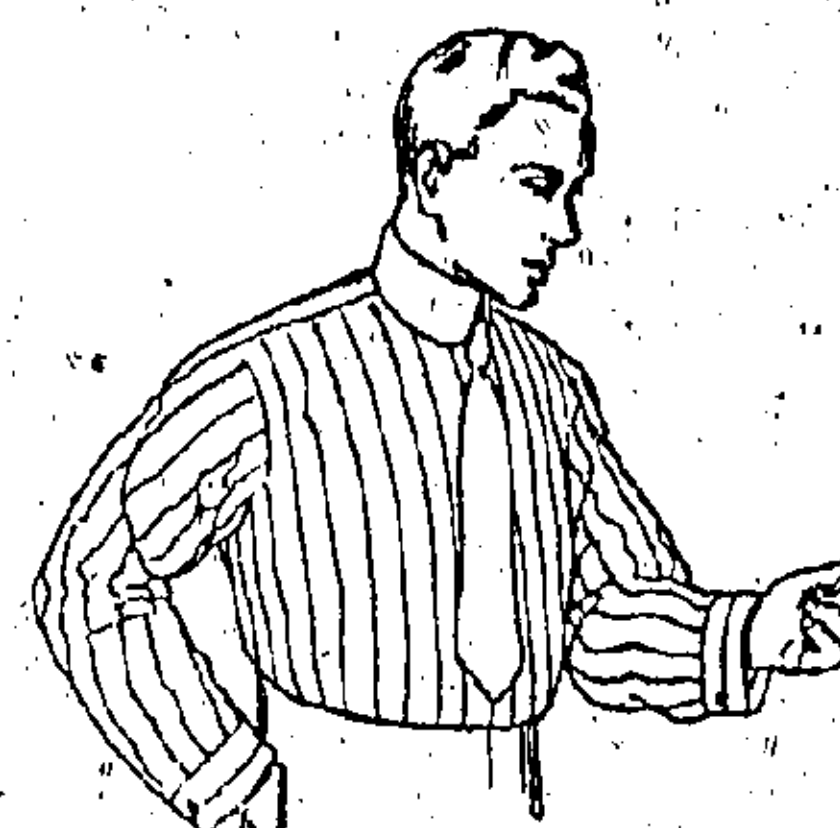
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RUSSIA AND ENGLAND.

ILLUMINATING AMERICAN
VIEWPOINT.

The following intensely interesting article concerning Russia and Great Britain has just been written by Mr. G. Ellis Porter, the well-known American writer:

The Russian bear is apparently trying to resume its old habit of walking like a man. In morning-coat and top-hat, it is again knocking at the doors of diplomacy. Awakened from its delirium of revolutionary internationalism, once more it makes a bid to be received in those circles where the sole requirement has ever been a smoothness of tongue, a concealment of claw, a smile which will hide implacable national enmities.

In plain words, Russia has been forced to the conclusion that she is, a nation, not an institution; that her Communism is an isolated system, not a world-consuming flame; that her state capitalism is an economic form, not the whole of economics; that her proletarian dictatorship governs Russia alone, and passes not a mile beyond her frontiers.

In a world of nations Russia has found that she must act as a nation or not at all. She has discovered that assertion of her independence and sovereignty depends upon conformity with the prevailing credo.

A few years ago Russia would have howled bloody murder against the Pacts of Locarno, denouncing them as a capitalist attempt to enslave Europe. To-day Foreign Minister Tchitcherine politely inquires among the chancelleries of the Continent whether Locarno did not represent an alignment of Western Europe against Russia.

A few years ago Russia would have plainly designed what she is doing in China as a movement toward uniting the proletariat of the world. To-day the suave Karakhan, Soviet Ambassador in Peking, denies that the hand of Moscow is engaged in stirring up

the Chinese masses, and talks about Russian "influence" in China as on an ethical par with American influence or British influence.

Absence for so long from the game of diplomacy leaves Russian manners still a bit uncouth. But there is every evidence that the old talent remains, and with it the bulk of the old foreign policy. And as that policy develops it will become apparent that the Russia of to-day has two advantages over the Russia of the Tsars: She is not bound by entangling alliances and the prestige of her revolution adds strength to the hand that has always been engaged in stirring up revolution in the realms of her enemies.

The Russians have ever been the prime realists of international politics. Never have they permitted sentiment, ethics or morals to interfere with their aspiration to power and dominance. Material ends they have always kept clearly in sight and have moved toward them with insurmountable persistence.

One of the realities standing between Russia and realization of her aspirations has been Great Britain. Great Britain was "the enemy" to be fought at every turn, even by an alliance with her, even by fighting a world war on her side. Russians never lost sight of this reality. The war has not changed it. Nor has the revolution.

From the viewpoint of Russian realism, the war was to have ended with the power of Russia augmented—for use against England. Russia was to have dictated the peace—to the injury of England. The post-bellum period was to have seen Europe dominated by Russia, organized by Russia—against England.

These realists will assert that England was playing the same game. They will say that England could not afford to let Russia play a large part in the victory over Germany; that England supplied Russia with munitions too meager in quantity and defective in quality; that England prevented the reorganization of the Russian armies by sinking the ship carrying Kitchener to the

eastern front; that England either organized the revolution or at least did nothing to prevent it.

Diplomatists of the old Russian school say these things and believe them—for that is what they would have done if they had been directing the destinies of England. It was in this same school that the two outstanding diplomatists of Soviet Russia—Tchitcherine and Karakhan—received their training. It is in these two that the bear is beginning again to walk like a man.

Russia is only just beginning to get back on her feet to engage once more in the struggle with England. But what she has been able to do heretofore has been done. The Treaty of Rapallo was signed with Germany in 1922. Turkey received encouragement and assurances from Moscow during her controversy with England at Lausanne. Italy has been egged on to do what she could against England's domination of the Mediterranean. After the smashing of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance at the Washington Conference, Moscow almost immediately softened her attitude towards Tokyo.

These were gestures in the right direction, but only gestures; for up until the last year or so Russia has been in no physical condition to come to grips with the British lion in the rough and tumble of international politics.

But developments last year in China showed that the game had been resumed. And this year's Locarno showed that Great Britain had not lost all her strategic cunning. That, at least, is the evident interpretation from the viewpoint of Russian realism.

After Karakhan had managed to stir Chinese anti-foreign sentiment to action, a certain amount of luck played into Russian hands. For, after the anti-foreign feeling had died down in all other directions, anti-British feeling remained. At this point it was America that brought pressure for Chinese tariff autonomy and for a consideration of China's demand for abolishment of extraterritoriality.

Both of these movements favour the Russian game in the Anglo-

Russian struggle for dominance in the Far East. Karakhan was able to sit back while Japan and the United States bore down on England. Meanwhile, Japan pulls the props from under Chang Tso-lin, whom she kept so long as an anti-Russian buffer at Mukden, and Moscow signs over to Japanese interests the oil concessions they sought in the island of Saghalin.

Incidentally, it may be observed that perhaps England still has a move or two in mind to counteract the situation brought about in the Tariff Conference and in the Extraterritorial Conference which was to have begun recently. Because of wars among Chinese factions, the latter conference has had to be indefinitely postponed and the other one has been brought to a standstill.

In the West, British diplomacy won a decisive victory over the Russian at Locarno. For Russia, Locarno meant that she had lost Germany—and just at a time when Russo-German relations were being further cemented by a commercial treaty. This treaty was signed on October 12; the Locarno Pacts were successfully concluded on October 16.

Ever since the idea for a security pact was first put forward last February, Russia had inundated Germany with advice against going on with negotiations. Germany's entry to the League of Nations has been continuously and consistently opposed by Russia ever since the signing of the Rapallo Treaty. Russian comment on Locarno is, "Germany has been drawn into the orbit of British diplomatic influence" and "Germany has capitulated before England."

Tchitcherine, personally, up to the last moment, tried to keep Germany from bringing the Locarno negotiations to a conclusion. Since then, for two months, he has been in France, travelling about the country and holding conversations with Premier Briand and with President Doumergue. Just what is the purpose there, aside from the obvious one of straightening out Franco-Russian relations, remains a

HEALTH INSURANCE.

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Rugby, Feb. 9.

The Royal Commission which was appointed last summer to report on the whole financial structure of the Health Insurance Acts has now completed its task, and its report is expected at the end of the month.

There are some fifteen million insured persons under the State scheme, which is on a contributory basis, and provides for medical institutional and money benefits during sickness.

Medical benefit is administered by 15,000 doctors, and many thousands of chemists, acting under insurance committees. Some far-reaching administrative changes will, it is anticipated, be recommended by the Commission, and the *Daily Herald* believes that extended benefit, providing for dental and other specialist treatment, may be proposed.—*British Wireless*.

matter for conjecture; but it may easily be taken for granted that his intentions bode no good for England.

This implacable enmity between Russia and England, which has survived all the vicissitudes of war and revolution, is not by any means the only game that is being played in international politics. But it is by all odds the most important in its bearing upon world peace. The rest of the world cannot keep out of it entirely, and the machinery that has been set up for peaceful organization seems at the moment powerless before it. The ultimate crash may be postponed for a long time, but only some new and drastic turn in international affairs will prevent it.

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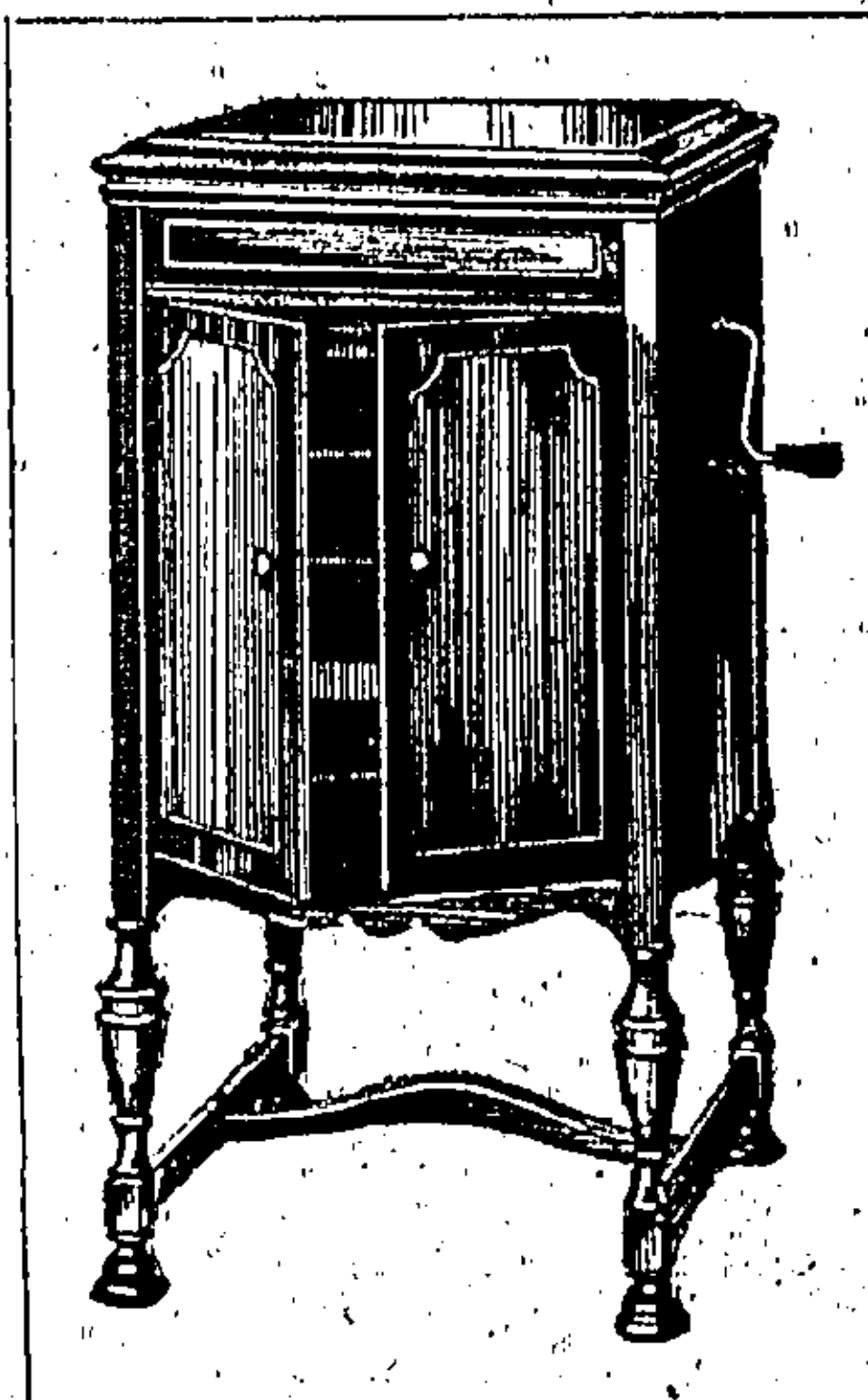
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LOCAL HOCKEY.

INDIANS DEFEAT THE NAVY.

The Punjab played an excellent game on the Marina ground, Kowloon, last evening, when they defeated the Navy by six goals to three. From the start the Indians showed winning form, and by means of effective combination, scored the last two goals in rapid succession towards the end of the game. The defence was particularly good, the goal keeper, and the backs keeping the opposing forwards out by vigorous and tenacious play. Their tackling was remarkably well judged, and time and time again they prevented a score with herculean efforts. The forwards were quick and lively, shooting whenever possible, and worrying the Navy defence generally.

No doubt the ground affected the sailors' play to some extent, but on the whole they did not show their usual form. Although many good attempts were made, the forwards found the Punjab defence hard to beat and the effective combination that has marked their play for the better part of the season, was not so much in evidence.

For the major part of the first half the Indians were continually on the offensive, but the sailors managed to hold them, although they found it difficult to do so. At half-time both sides had scored three goals, the scorers for the Navy being Clarke, Taylor, and Nicholson. Excellent work was done by Lt. Wright Neville, who played centre forward for the Indians, and Capt. Webb, at centre-half, helped much towards the success of the team.

The second half opened with the Indians again attacking, and Du Pasquier and Emley, at back, were called upon to clear many dangerous situations. For a time the Navy had to concentrate their energies on defending their goal, but the Punjab inside right, who secured near goal, was not tackled effectively, and after taking his time sent in a strong drive which scored. After mid-field play the sailors reached their opponents' goal, and the goalkeeper brought off some wonderful saves. Despite their most strenuous efforts, with the ball hovering on the goal line, the Navy were unable to score, and from a breakaway the Indians added a fifth. This was quickly followed by number six.

CLUB V. SUBMARINES.

At the U.S.R.C. ground, the Club second eleven engaged a team from the Submarines, and obtained a victory by three goals to two. Although the match was timed to start at 5.15 p.m., a start was not made until quarter of an hour later.

In the first half the Club were superior in the attack, and they succeeded in getting two goals, through Lammert and Noronha. The Subs managed to get one through Slade. The half was fought out at a smart pace, and both goals had some narrow escapes.

On resuming, the Subs' defence improved, and the last goal for the Club was scored by Lammert from a short corner. An improvement was noticeable in the sailors' attack, and after a short period of pressure on the Club's goal, Armstrong put on a second.

TENNIS STARS.

HITCH IN WILLS v. LENGLEN MATCH.

Cannes, Feb. 9.

While the Riviera is seething with excitement at the prospective meeting of Miss Helen Wills and Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen on Saturday, comes the news of what may develop a hitch in the arrangements. It transpires that exclusive cinema rights have been bought by an American syndicate, and Miss Wills is therefore cabling to the American Lawn Tennis Association asking whether she has a right to continue to play in the Carlton Tournament.—*Reuter.*

LAWN TENNIS.

DOUBLES AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Results of the Draw.

The following are the results of the draw in the Open Championship Doubles and Club Championship, to be played on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground.

Open Championship Doubles.
Byes, to meet in the second round.—R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley v. Hung Hui-chen and Wong Boon-hin, A. H. Crook and J. A. Summers v. J. N. da Silva and Y. A. Wahab, H. Lo and C. Choa v. R. Hancock and F. A. Redmond, N. Trambitzky and J. W. Leonard v. B. H. Wong and H. C. Hung, I. M. Razack and J. A. Cassumbhoy v. Major C. Willson and G. R. Sayer.

First round.—H. Bloxham and R. E. Lindell v. T. Yamada and T. Edo, M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo v. G. Rodger and J. Rodger, E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher v. Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-tsun, S. E. Green and D. S. Green v. Yew Man-kit and C. W. Cheng, Dr. D. J. Valentine and Lt. H. H. Conway v. H. Owen Hughes and G. W. Sewell, H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn v. R. E. Oliver and Dr. D. H. Gawler, Ia Tak-cheuk and Lam Man-kwong v. Dr. I. Newton and J. C. Broome, Major H. R. Edwards and Dr. J. N. Craig v. Cheong Tick-wing and Leong Hoi-yeng, Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung v. L. Forster and N. L. Smith, E. W. Larkum and Col. C. Russell Brown v. N. Yamazaki and J. Abe, Capt. D. J. Allfree and H. G. Gould v. E. Grimble and A. S. Hett, K. Mawutari and H. Unotaro, bye.

Byes, to meet in the second round.—Capt. R. H. P. West and Lt.-Col. Montague Bates v. A. D. Humphreys and R. E. Tottenham, S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain v. L. Baines and G. Miskin, W. A. Newers and T. D. E. Fendered v. T. Honda and H. Yoshida, T. Akiyama and S. Uno v. Major W. Pratt and Major W. B. Stevenson, N. de Sousa and F. Ribeiro v. A. Piercy and W. B. Cornaby.

Club Championship.
Byes, to meet in the second round.—G. Miskin v. S. E. Green, D. S. Green v. T. C. Monaghan, D. R. Gawler v. A. K. Mackenzie, H. Owen Hughes v. Major Hattersley Smith, G. W. Sewell v. E. Grimble, D. J. Valentine v. I. Newton, W. B. Cornaby v. A. D. Humphreys.

First round.—A. H. Crook v. T. D. E. Pendered, L. Forster v. Colonel C. Russell Brown, R. E. Tottenham v. Capt. R. H. P. West, J. A. Summers, bye.
Byes, to meet in the second round.—J. A. Summers, A. S. Hett v. L. Baines, Major W. W. Pratt v. R. M. Henderson, F. A. Redmond v. H. C. Gould, J. R. Craig v. N. J. Armstrong, O. S. Hugh Jones v. Major W. B. Stevenson, R. E. Greensmith v. R. E. Coxon, Capt. H. Bloxham v. E. D. Lawrence.

LOCAL GOLF.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The Captain's Cup competition for February, played at Fanling, between the 8th and 8th, resulted in D. G. Bruce qualifying with a score of 84—12=72.

Other scores were: W. L. Dunbar, 84—10=74; A. B. Purves, 85—9=76; A. H. Ferguson, 81—4=77; J. Smith, 89—11=78; A. W. Shevelton, 90—12=78.

There were 24 entries.
The optional pool, for which there were 16 entries, was won by J. L. Shellstead with a score of 86—9=77.

HOME FOOTBALL.

London, Feb. 9.

Scottish Cup re-plays resulted as follows:—1. Arthurie 0 Clyde 1; 2. Arbroath 0 St. Mirren 3.
In the Second Division of the English League, Stockport at home lost to Fulham by one goal to two.—*Reuter.*

CRICKET.

GARRISON LEAGUE.

Ordinance Defeat the Engineers.

Playing in the semi-final of the Garrison League at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps created a big surprise by defeating the Royal Engineers and the Royal Corps of Signals by seven runs. Scoring was low.

The Engineers batted first, but against the bowling of Lake and Caswell could only manage 66, of which Blondin and Durand claimed 15 each, the only other double figure scorer being Capt. Bridgland with 12.

The Ordnance fared none too well against the bowling of Jacob and Goodyer, seven wickets falling with only 36 on the board. Q.M.S. Haynes, however, hit out merrily, and the finish was most exciting. Three runs were still required for victory when the last man went in, and these the Ordnance succeeded in obtaining, the last pair being parted at 72, Haynes being not out with 24 to his credit. Scores:—

R. E. and R. C. S.					
Sgt. Blondin, b Lake	15				
Spr. Goodyer, c Burker, b Caswell	1				
S. S. Higgs, b Lake	3				
Capt. Bridgland, b Lake	12				
Col. Mackintosh, run out	2				
Lt. Jacobs-Larkum, b Caswell	1				
Q. M. S. Farro, c Walker, b Caswell	5				
S. S. Kelly, c Brunner, b Caswell	7				
Sgt. Durand, c Hool, b Lake	15				
Q. M. S. Jacob, b Lake	0				
Extras	8				
Sgt. Jones, not out	0				
Total	66				

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pte. Lake	10.1	2	29	5
Pte. Burker	3	1	19	1
Sgt. Caswell	7	2	14	4

R. A. O. C.					
Sgt. Andrews, b Jacob	15				
Pte. Burker, run out	1				
Pte. Lake, c Larkum, b Goodyer	0				
Sgt. Caswell, b Goodyer	6				
S. S. Walker, b Jacob	6				
Q. M. S. Moeck, c Durand, b Jacob	0				
Jacob	0				
S/Cdr. Hool, c Farro, b Jacob	2				
Q. M. S. Haynes, not out	24				
S. S. Davies, b Jacob	4				
Pte. Brunner, c Blondin, b Higgs	4				
Pte. Ollier, b Jacob	5				
Extras	5				
Total	72				

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Spr. Goodyer	8	1	33	2
Q. M. S. Jacob	9	1	27	5
S. S. Higgs	1	1	7	1

Chinese v. Kowloon.

In an all day match played on the Chinese R. C. ground on Sunday last, these two teams met in a drawn game after over 500 runs had been scored. The feature of the match was that two centuries were made by opposing players and on each side one other player scored over 50 runs.

Chinese R. C.					
T. E. Yeh, c Sub, b Fincher	21				
H. N. Balhatchet, c E. C. Fincher, b Fincher	25				
Ng Sze-kwong, c E. Fincher, b Lyl	1				
A. Houlin, b Fincher	142				
C. Chon, b Lyl	1				
H. Hung, c Ramsey, b Fincher	55				
H. L. Yung, b Fincher	1				
E. Li, c E. Fincher, b Lyl	1				
H. Ching, not out	20				
P. S. Wong, b Fincher	0				
A. Zimmern, b Fincher	0				



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HOLIDAY CRICKET.

I. R. C. v. O. C. C.

The following have been selected to represent the Indians in an all-day match with the Craignower Cricket Club on Monday, 15th inst., on the latter's ground, commencing at 10.30 a.m.—U. M. Omar, (Captain), S. A. Ismail, J. S. Abdul-Cursem, A. H. Madar, F. M. d'Arculli, H. D. Rumjahn, O. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, M. P. Madar, S. A. R. Ismail and Y. Abdul-Wahab. Scorer—J. S. Aekker. Umpire: A. O. Madar.

FRIENDLY GAME.

The following have been selected to represent the H. K. C. C. 2nd XI in a friendly match against the K. C. C. on Monday, 15th February at 10.30 a.m. sharp, at Kowloon:—W. W. Mackenzie (Capt.), H. Griffin, W. Brackenridge, M. M. Watson, W. T. Featherstone, D. E. G. Nicholson, O. Skinner, C. R. Vallack, C. L. R. Becher, H. C. Burgess and W. L. Smith.

Extras					
Lyl	0	5	48	3	
Lee	7	1	32	1	
E. F. Fincher	15.5	1	70	7	
Gorvin	6	1	23	1	
Master	5	1	26	1	
Ramsay	3	1	32	1	

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Bensley, run out	23			
J. C. Lyl, c Ng Sze-kwong, b Balhatchet	21			
E. C. Fincher, c Li, b Balhatchet	100			
G. Lee, c Balhatchet, b Yeh	13			
R. A. Walters, b Yeh	3			
E. F. Fincher, not out	4			
Extras	27			
Total (for 4 wks.)	232			

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. W. Ramsay, W. F. J. Gorvin, W. F. Masters, E. B. Morton and E. Abraham did not bat.				

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ng Sze-kwong	6	1	42	1
Ching	10	2	28	1
Yeh	9	1	42	2
Houlin	13	2	34	1
Balhatchet	14.2	2	35	2
Hung	2	1	15	1

Hongkong Electric Company v. Craignower C. C.

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Electric Company against Craignower Cricket Club on Saturday, 13th February, in an all day match, to commence at 10 a.m.—C. B. Easterbrook, F. F. Duckworth, J. C. Dunbar, C. Gahagan, W. B. Muskett, F. Norrington, A. F. Paul, L. de Rome, S. J. Stanesby, J. C. Thomson, J. R. Way (Capt.). Reserves: T. L. Foster and G. Vickers.

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"Not Out" writes as follows in the *Referee*, Sydney:—

"Many suggestions of an absurd nature are being put forward in England with a view to paying the way to regaining the Ashes of cricket. One of the latest is conveyed in the following cablegram from London, on Saturday:—

"P. G. H. Fender, the Surrey County captain, supports A. E. R. Gilligan, who seeks the abolition of the County cricket championship in Test match years. 'The authorities,' says Fender, 'ought to decide which is more advantageous to concentrate upon, county cricket or the Tests. They cannot do both, and it will be impossible for players to be in condition for the Tests after daily county engagements.'"

"W. M. Tate says: 'The Ashes must be recovered, but the abolition of county cricket would be a hardship on the professionals. Some counties perhaps will not have a single representative in the Tests, but I wholeheartedly agree with Gilligan that the members of the England team should have an intimate knowledge of each other's game.'"

"What England needs is to find a first-class captain who is also a great cricketer, and then give him a place on the committee that selects the team. In the very many years when England was successful in Tests, suggestions of this character were read about, but were never adopted. England had very able captains who knew their men and were able to get the best out of them. The Australians just now are not super-cricketers by any means, and there is no reason whatever for the signs of panic in some quarters in England. One very regrettable fact in England these times is the hard, destructive criticism levelled at the players, as though they were mere mechanical men. Unfortunately at these times many writers in the Press are not in sympathy with the players or the game itself, and superficial opinions from such men get into print, only to dispirit the players."

"If England fails to win the Ashes next year, why should it be deemed a calamity? England missed a golden opportunity last season, when the Australians were, beyond any question, inferior to many Ashes teams of the past. If the lessons of last season's Test matches be lost on the Australian selectors, the opportunity will be ripe again for

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

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Week by week something interesting is wafted over the cables relative to opinion in England on the coming Tests with Australia. The Hon. Mr. F. S. G. Calthorpe, captain of the M.C.C. English team which set out for the West Indies last week, at a farewell luncheon in London, said that any team going abroad should be at least 25 per cent. better than its opponents in order to compensate for climatic differences. He said that there was a good chance of regaining the "Ashes," particularly if the season was wet. He did not think, if the weather was fine, that the matches would be won in three days. He would prefer them played out to four days.

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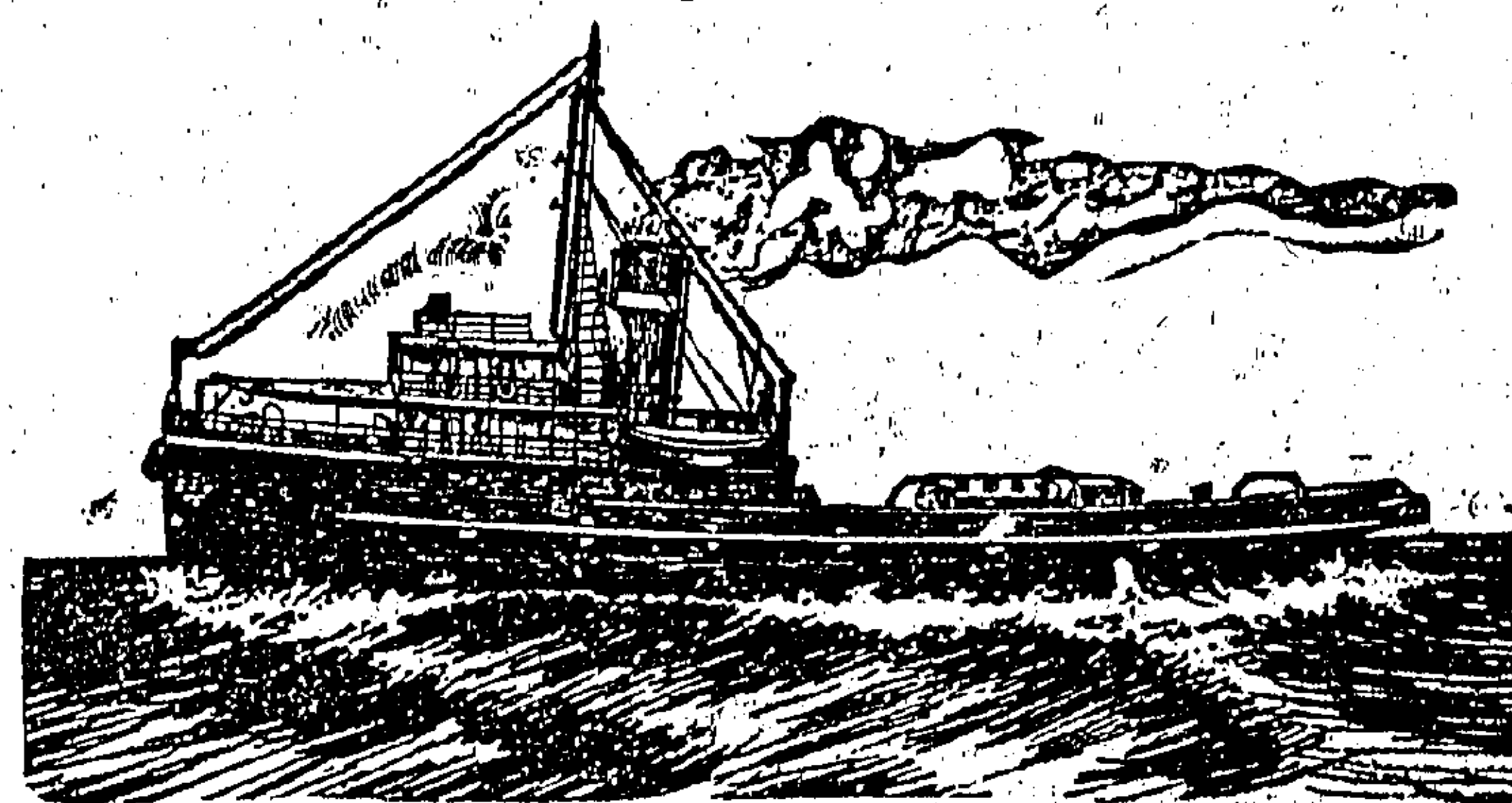
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THE "EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND'S" WORLD TOUR.



Above is the Empress of Scotland, which arrived here this morning on her world tour, together with photographs of Staff Captain R. N. Stuart, V.C., D.S.O., Chief Engineer A. E. Philp, O.B.E., and Capt. J. Gillies, C.B.E. The last-named was formerly in command of the liner but promoted to a high official position in the Canadian Pacific office in London just prior to the commencement of the present tour.

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A large gathering of well-known residents including several musicians attended at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel last evening as the guests of Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co., Victor distributors, to hear a demonstration by the newly-invented Orthophonic Talking Machine, which marks a new era in the mechanical production of sound. The function was a preliminary to the public demonstrations which are to be given at Messrs. Moutrie's store to-morrow.

The new instrument, which is declared to represent a hundred per cent. of efficiency over the old type of machine, is notable for increase of range, volume and purity of tone, and it created an excellent impression on all present at last night's gathering. Not only does it do away with the "wangy" tone of many of the old type instruments, but it brings out the full beauty of orchestral instruments in such a way as to give due and proper balance to selections of this type. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that on Monday a local radio amateur heard the new instrument broadcast from Shanghai with wonderful clarity. Tea was served at last night's demonstration, and subsequently those present enjoyed dancing to the strains of the new instrument.

The remarkable advance represented by the new instrument, which was developed jointly by the Victor Talking Machine Company and the Bell Laboratories of the Western Electric Company, was illustrated by playing it in direct comparison with the old type. The Orthophonic Talking Machine is based upon a newly adapted principle known as "matched impedance," which has necessitated the complete re-designing of the entire instrument. This electrical principle, which made possible the perfection of long-distance telephonic communication, was translated into mechanical terms by the Bell Laboratories of the Western Electric Company and placed at the disposal of the Victor Company. It has resulted in an increase of range, besides doubling the potential volume of the reproduction and the clearness with which the various instruments and voices may be distinguished.

While the exterior of the instrument has undergone no fundamental change, being enclosed in a handsome walnut cabinet of period design, the interior is altogether different. One of the striking features of the new equipment is a great horn six feet in length, which is ingeniously folded and out of sight within the body of the cabinet. Above it is the usual record turn-table and tone-arm, the latter of new and improved construction. The sound box is completely changed, a unique dia-

phragm of duralumin being substituted for the old mica disc.

In an interview, Mr. H. A. Jones, who conducted the demonstration, explained that heretofore there have been three chief defects in the talking machine—limited range, limited volumes, and "failure" to bring out clearly the tone colour of the sounds recorded, that indefinable quality by which it is possible to distinguish between the various instruments or voices even when playing notes of the same pitch.

"These difficulties," he continued, "have now been removed. The Orthophonic Talking Machine is capable of reproducing sounds as high as the highest note of the piccolo, or as low as the deepest tone of the bass viol. It can reproduce these tones as soft as a whisper, or as loud as a shout. And it can reproduce them in such a way that you can readily identify the notes of the Violin, the cornet, the flute and every other variety of instrument or voice."

"One of the greatest achievements of the new method," he said, "is the successful reproduction of instruments, which before could not be properly recorded."

"The drum for the first time sounds like a drum," he said. "The harp sounds like a harp, and the piano, one of the most difficult of all instruments to record, comes into its own at last with an absolutely faithful and meritorious reproduction. It is obvious what this will mean to the world of music."

A varied and comprehensive musical programme was arranged to demonstrate the capacities of the new instrument in every field. The selections ranged from vocal solos to full band and orchestral ensembles, with a plentiful admixture of dance and specialty selections.

First on the programme was the "Soldiers' Chorus" from Faust, sung by a full male chorus of forty, as against the maximum number of twenty-five possible under the old method. This selection is notable in that it carries the tenors to E flat, and has a very deep and strong bass. After it had been played first upon the new instrument and then upon the old, here was ample evidence of the striking contrast in range, volume and richness of tone.

The next selection was a Fox-trot—"Don't bring Lulu" whose deep and melodious tonal gradations contrasted with the brisk and sparkling vocal duet which followed. This novelty, "I Miss My Swiss," was sung by the Happiness Boys, affording a fine example of what is now possible in the way of capturing rapid dialogue and fine nuances of tonal expression. The very difficult reproduction of the "s" sounds was unusually clear.

A piano solo by Rachmaninoff was next in order. This selection—Beethoven's beautiful Variations in C minor—was heartily applauded, as it indicated very strikingly the complete elimination of the

objectionable "banjo twang" too often noticeable in piano recordings. The full, rich tones of the grand piano issued into the room with a startling fidelity and purity.

A violin rendition of "Aloha Oe," by Fritz Kreisler, demonstrated a marked improvement in this branch of recording, previously one of the most successful known. The wonderful tonal qualities of his Stradivarius were reproduced with such warmth and colour that it seemed almost as though the artist himself were in the room.

Mixed choral selections from "No! No! Nanette" next showed the capacity of the new instrument to reproduce the combined male and female voices without losing in any degree the characteristic qualities of each.

A full ensemble by Creators' band playing "Syncopeation-Synphonie" march next gave opportunity for an exhibition of the brassy at their best, the sonorous volumes and distinctive timbre of the instruments coming through without the faintest suggestion of "blatting." John Philip Sousa, upon hearing this number said: "For the first time I have heard a reproducing instrument with a soul. These men are playing from their hearts. I have really heard a band on a talking machine."

The programme was concluded with a splendid rendition of the "Marche Slave," by the Philadelphia Orchestra. Its preponderance of brass and immense variety of tone colour offered a test even to a symphony orchestra, not to mention a reproducing instrument. This selection, in its tremendous scope, summed up all the accomplishment of the Orthophonic Talking Machine, and afforded a fitting climax to a notable musical event.

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